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CHINESE GOVT TO SEEK PEACE

Government To Move To Canton

Nanking, January 19.
More than 100 transport planes and two daily special planes would begin on January 21 the evacuation of the main part of the Nationalist Government, including the Cabinet of Dr. Sun Fo from Nanking to Canton, it was authoritatively learned tonight.

Only a skeleton Government staff will remain in the capital, probably including Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Foreign missions representing the British Commonwealth countries, the United States and Western European countries were not expected to accompany the Government, according to reliable information received by Reuters tonight.

Soviet Russia and her satellites, Poland and Czechoslovakia, were believed to have already decided to follow the Kuomintang regime to clear themselves of involvement in China's internal affairs.

A hurried conference of British Commonwealth diplomats and others was held in the capital today following individual visits to all Embassies and Legations by Dr. Wang Kiding, the head of the Chinese Foreign Office Protocol Department.—Reuters.

Hotel Residents Criticise Delay In Fixing Rates

Criticism over the delay of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee in submitting its recommendations to the Government, and a request that hotel residents should be compensated for the delay in the fixing of new rates, were among the points raised by the Committee of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Hotel Residents' Association, which met on Tuesday night to discuss the Advisory Committee's recommendations.

Also criticised was the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that the Paramount and Cathay Hotels should not be brought under control as they were in the nature of luxury hotels, catering essentially to wealthy Chinese.

Death Toll In S. Africa Rises To 121

Durban, January 18.
The racial riots' death toll rose to 121 tonight. An African was killed last night, and early today 50 Africans and Indians were injured in sporadic incidents in Pietermaritzburg.

The native was shot dead by an Indian, who opened fire on him and other Africans when they attacked his house.

In Washington, Government circles have resolutely refused to comment on the South African rioting, but there is unmistakable relief at indications contained in the latest despatches that the trouble has been brought under control.

Most Americans realise that, like their own country, South Africa harbours a racial problem, although its triangular character is not completely understood. The potential explosiveness of the Union's situation, as revealed in the past few days' occurrences, came as a shock to most Americans.

The common view among those who have an appreciation of the situation is expressed in a Washington Post editorial today—that the white population, although apparently not directly involved in either cause or effect of the rioting—is indirectly involved.

The editorial declares: "Wider repercussions can hardly be foreseen or measured yet." It says that the rioting occurred in an atmosphere surcharged with racial discriminations and animosities of unusual complexity.—Reuters.

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Cabinet Agrees To Ask Reds For Cease-Fire MOMENTOUS DECISION

Nanking, January 19.

The Nationalist Government decided today to seek peace with the Chinese Communists.

In a momentous decision, the Cabinet agreed at a full meeting to make an early public declaration of policy answering Mr. Mao Tse-tung's broadcast peace terms and to make an endeavour to send a representative to the Communist capital of Yanan to negotiate an immediate cease-fire, the Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chih-chung, told Reuters this afternoon.

In a short statement tonight, the Nationalist Government called for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire by both the Nationalist and Communist forces, and for the appointment by both sides of delegates to start peace negotiations.

The Government statement did not say how it intended to implement its decision which was taken at a regular meeting of the Executive Yuan today, when it discussed the Nationalist position at length.

The statement read: "The Government, in deference to the logical wishes of the people for an early restoration of peace, hereby makes known its desire for both the Government and Communist forces to cease fire unconditionally and immediately, and for both sides to appoint delegates to start peace negotiations."

Heated Argument On Issue

According to reliable informants the decision was recommended to the Cabinet Ministers by the leader of the Kuomintang peace faction, General Chang Chih-chung. The proposal was greeted with shouts of "this would mean surrender" by the Kuomintang Conservative Ministers, who argued heatedly that it would be impossible to negotiate with the Communists.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, was then reported to have threatened to resign if the right wing Ministers insisted on war. There was no other way, he was understood to have told his Ministers, to solve the deteriorating Nationalist predicament, except by peace negotiations.

When opposing voices had quietened down, the Ministers agreed to open negotiations by making a public declaration of policy that is now being drafted by the Inner Cabinet Ministers, in consultation with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at his mansion.

Diplomats Welcome Decision

The Executive Yuan's decision to seek peace was warmly welcomed by diplomats. "It is a step in the right direction, even if it turns out to be just another stall to gain time," was the general reaction. It is believed it represents a temporary victory for one of two groups who are contending for position to control events when the Government moves.

The group gaining the upper hand at today's meeting includes members of the Executive Yuan, who overcame tremendous confusion, panic, inertia as well as strong resistance when they forced the vote through without the visible approval of the Generalissimo.

A week ago, he himself named a committee to draft such a measure, but when Mr. Mao Tse-tung broadcast his stiff peace terms the project collapsed because of Chiang's fury and the panic it created among Government members.

The other group are strong-arm Kuomintang diehards who, it is feared, seek to make Nanking a second Tientsin and invite Communist attack before abandoning the city. The gravity of the problem is shown by fear expressed by some peace-seeking officials that they will be assassinated by such elements.

They point to Peiping where a bomb wounded a peace delegate, former Mayor Ho Sze-yuan, before he could leave to confer with the Communists on a ceasefire agreement. A source arriving from Peiping says an examination of the bomb showed fragments of it came from the standard hand-grenade the Nationalists use. He says an investigation led to the conclusion that the bomb was planted by KMT extremists in order to delay a negotiated peace.—Reuters and Associated Press.

Satellites' Boycott Of Yugoslavia

Belgrade, January 18.
The Serbian Premier, M. Petar Stambulic, told the Serbian Communist Party Congress in Belgrade today that the people's democracies are "restricting" their trade agreements with Yugoslavia.

This statement followed yesterday's announcement of the signature on Sunday of a Yugoslav-Polish trade and payments agreement, which gave neither its value nor its duration.

Sunday's agreement is thought to have been within the framework of the five-year agreement between Poland and Yugoslavia made in May, 1947, which provided for an obligatory exchange of goods over five years to the value of £11,050,000 each way, but it included a clause providing for a further exchange of £12,700,000 worth of goods each way if they become available.

It is thought by observers in Belgrade that the new agreement may be restricted to obligatory exchanges only as the list of goods to be provided by Poland under Sunday's agreement corresponds to some of the goods listed as obligatory under the original agreement.—Reuters.

AID TO CHINA

Washington, January 19.
The State Department today announced that on January 14 United States aid to China totaled US\$120,000,000.

Services Of 11 European Police Officers Ended

Eleven European officers in the Hong Kong Police Force have received official notice of the termination of their services at the end of July, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The officers are Chief Inspector J. A. McCahey, Inspector N. Senior, Inspector H. C. Timms, Inspector H. Brownrigg, Sub-Inspector J. C. MacMillan, Sub-Inspector W. A. R. Saunders, Sub-Inspector A. S. Fleming, Sub-Inspector D. G. Cutler, Sub-Inspector A. W. Smith, Sub-Inspector R. G. Parsons and Sub-Inspector D. S. Munro.

A spokesman for the Commissioner of Police when asked for confirmation of the dismissal notices and the reasons for the action, replied: "No statement."

The spokesman confirmed a report that 20 newly-recruited European officers are now on their way to join the Police Force. In reply to a question, he said that the European contingent of the Force is up to strength, in fact slightly in excess.

An unconfirmed report last night said that 18 of the new 20 officers arrived here by the ss. Canton.

Contracts Ended

The 11 police officers concerned were given six months' notice which ends on July 31. Their three-year contracts expired on January 31.

The notice also requested them to let the Commissioner of Police know before the end of April their proposed destinations and the number of passages required. The 18 new European recruits who are expected to have arrived here on Monday will be sent to the Police Training School before assuming their normal duties. They came from Palestine.

On China



Brigadier Leonard F. Field, outgoing military attaché to the British Embassy at Nanking, is returning to London for a new post in the War Office. He has been in China on and off for nearly 27 years.—"China Mail" Photo.

Red Sweep Matter Of Time

The Chinese Communists have destroyed a great portion of the Government forces and it is a matter of time now for them to take over.

That is the opinion of Brigadier Leonard Frank Field, CBE, Dutch Order of Orange Nassau, who is returning to London by the RMS Canton for a new assignment to the War Office.

The future of Hong Kong depends on the Communists themselves who will not be foolish, however, to disregard such a prosperous Colony, said the former military attaché to the British Embassy at Nanking, who has been in China since 1946.

It doubt whether foreign trade would be affected in the event of Red control. Russia and China have not got what each requires, and they depend on the outside world," he declared.

There has been no evidence of foreign assistance to the Chinese Communists Japanese arms, however, were taken when they took Manchuria.

Not Communists
Brigadier Field met Chinese Communist officials when they were negotiating with General George Marshall.

"Government circles think Mr. Mao Tse-tung and General Chu Teh are capable men," he said. Brigadier Field has met Mr. Chou En-lai and Mr. Tung Pi-wu, head of CLARA.

Brigadier Field first came to China 27 years ago, as a language officer. During World War 2, he was deputy director of Intelligence at Singapore for three months; Director of Intelligence in Java for two months, and then became General Alexander's chief Chinese liaison officer in Burma.

He returned to Europe in 1942 and during the Europe invasion was with SHAN.

He came to China for the third time early in 1945 as military attaché to the British Embassy. He has been to Chungking and Nanking.

Accompanied by Mrs. Field, he arrived here by plane last week-end.

SUMMER TIME

London, January 18.
Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, announced in Commons this afternoon that the Government propose that this year Summer time shall extend from April 3 to October 30.—Reuters.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the anti-cyclone has moved S. over N. China and appears to be weakening. A tropical depression E. of the Philippines is still active.

Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh E. winds. Fair or cloudy.
Tomorrow's Weather—
Maximum: 42.5° (10.5° below).
Minimum: 25.5° (13.5° below).
Rainfall: 0.5 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2.0 mm.—0.08 inch. as against an average of 15.1 mm.—0.6 inch. for the month.
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High 10.00 10.00
Low 10.00 10.00

Gives Reasons For Delay On HK Municipal Council

Heavy accumulation of work in the legal department of the Colonial Office in London is attributed to the delay in the completion of bills relating to the proposed municipal council for Hong Kong.

This is the opinion of Mr. J. J. Paskin, one of the Assistant Under-Secretaries of State for the Colonies, who is here on an official visit.

Mr. Paskin told a Press conference yesterday that he is concerned with the Far Eastern area including the Pacific and Indian oceans.

He is making a tour of British territories in connection with the Colonial Office policy of keeping personnel in touch with the colonies—to see what they look like, to get to know what they do and think.

The reply to questions, Mr. Paskin said that the Colonial Office was really serious about having a municipal council in Hong Kong. As he was not familiar with the relative correspondence, he was unable to say how much progress has been made.

He said that the reason for the delay is due to the shortage of staff in the legal department of the Colonial Office. The small staff there which has been dealing with documents from all the colonies is, however, increasing.

Staff Overwhelmed
Mr. Paskin said that during the last two years there has been a considerable amount of constitutional-making, keeping the legal staffs very busy. There was an accumulation of work overwhelming the small staff.

He added that comments from the legal department on the bills governing the proposed municipal council for Hong Kong will probably be out in two or three weeks.

These comments in turn will have to be considered by Hong Kong's legal department. Asked whether any alternative proposal for giving the people a larger share in the administration of Hong Kong will be considered if the public decides not to have a municipal council, Mr. Paskin replied in the affirmative.

He said that if after studying the bills the public decides on something different, their alternative proposals will "most certainly" be given consideration. Mr. Paskin could not give any information on Sir Patrick Abercrombie's proposals for Hong Kong town planning. As far as he knew, the proposals are still under consideration. He could not say what stage the consideration have reached.

Mr. Paskin will leave for Singapore tomorrow. He is accompanied by Mrs. Paskin.

Voorhes is concerned primarily with food programmes in occupied areas. And it is expected that he will look into this subject in Japan as well as participate in overall considerations aimed at further assisting Japanese economic recovery.

Dodge will remain in Japan indefinitely as financial adviser to General MacArthur. He will have the diplomatic rank of minister.

Royall's visit to Japan is expected to further execution of the recently announced economic programme for that country and to make progress toward solution of fundamental problems related to that programme and to Japan's overall economic rehabilitation.—Associated Press.

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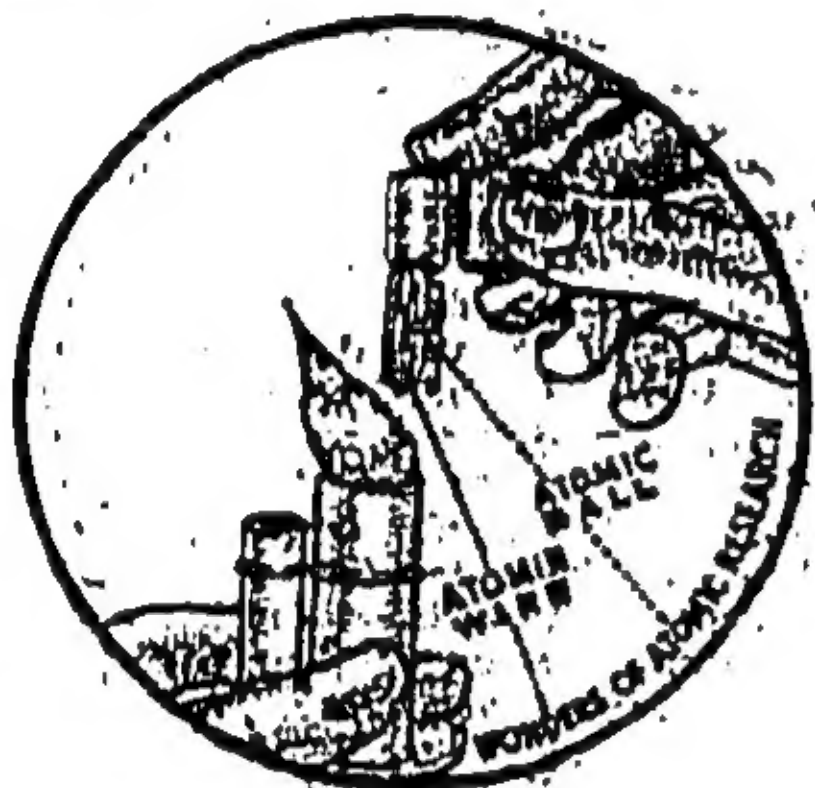
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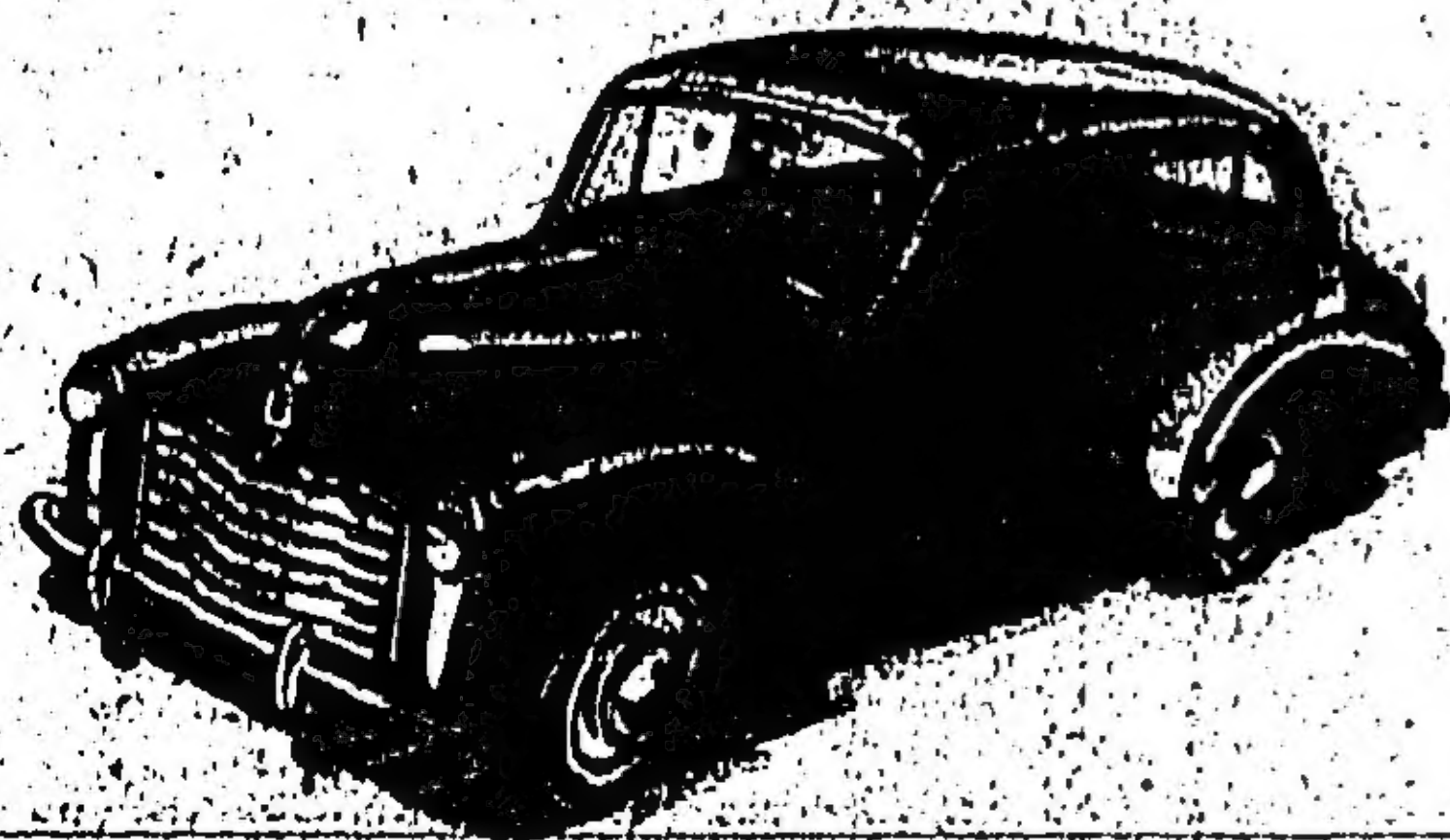
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SEAMEN COMMITTED TO TRIAL FOR RAPE

Able Seamen Joseph McGuinness, aged 24, Vincent Judge, aged 25, and William James McConway, aged 24, of HMS Hector, were at the conclusion of the Crown case, committed for trial by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Accused were charged on four counts of assault causing grievous bodily harm to Leslie George Cubitt, Leading Telegraphist of HMS Tamar at Austin Road and Navy Street on January 4; robbing Cubitt of \$50, a cigarette lighter and a propelling pencil; assault on Cubitt; and rape of Lee Yuk-ngo at Woosung Street.

McGuinness was additionally charged with stealing US\$2 from Lee Yuk-ngo at Woosung Street.

PC 54 Luk Lai-kai testified yesterday that while on duty at Tsimshatsui Pier at 1 a.m. on January 4 he saw Cubitt, with blood on his forehead, riding in a rickshaw. As the result of what the rickshaw puller told him, he took Cubitt to the Tsimshatsui Police Station.

Sub-Inspector A. Baggett said that he was on duty in the Charge Room when Cubitt was brought to the station. He took down the report made by Cubitt, and then referred the case to Detective Sub-Inspector C. A. Nicol.

When the three accused turned up to sign the book at the Navy Street gate of the Kowloon Naval Yard he saw that their clothes were rather dirty "as if they had been rolling on the ground," said A. O. Devlin, PC 8 of the Royal Naval Yard Police.

Witness said that he noticed blood stains on McGuinness's shirt front and asked him, jokingly, "What's happened to you?" to which first accused replied, "I fell."

Sub-Inspector T. Dow said that soldiers were first mentioned by the first accused who said that he had been fighting with some soldiers. Cubitt then said that he had been fighting with some soldiers. After questioning them, said witness, he decided to let them go. As they were leaving, he saw first accused lifting his jumper and under a collar concealed under the jumper. The collar was full of blood. The three men were allowed to go back to their ship under an escort.

While questioning the three accused, said DSF Nicol, he noticed blood stains on their caps and on the front of the first accused's shirt. When he showed the propelling pencil to Cubitt in HMS Tamar, Cubitt identified it as his property and produced the matching pen.

DSF W. H. Summers, who conducted the case for the prosecution, said that he made two tests at Austin Road and Navy Street. He placed his pencil on the ground and, on both occasions, found that it was impossible to see the pencil without the aid of a torch, although the time was only 8 p.m.

Accused's Statement
When charged with causing grievous bodily harm, McGuinness said, "L. G. Cubitt started that trouble." To the robbery:

count, he replied, "We never robbed him. I found the pencil on the ground." He made no statement when charged with rape and larceny, and to the count of assault said, "Nothing to say."

Second accused, charged with causing grievous bodily harm, said, "I did not cause grievous bodily harm to L. G. Cubitt. In between Canton Road and Navy Street." To the assault charge, he replied, "I did not assault Leslie George Cubitt."

His reply to the robbery count was, "I did not steal any pencil or money from L. G. Cubitt, and to the rape charge he stated, "I was under the impression that it was paid for by the Yankee sailor."

The third accused, went on DSF Summers, pleaded "Not guilty" to the grievous bodily harm count, and "Well, I was under the influence of drink and hardly remember what I was doing," to the assault charge.

On the robbery count, he said, "I did not interfere with Cubitt while the fighting was going on."

To the rape charge, he replied, "I was asked to, and understood it was paid for and the girl was quite willing."

Of six witnesses called to the identification parade held on January 10, said Chief Inspector McCalley, only Corporal Kier of the Scots Guards identified any of the accused. He went up to the third accused and said, "It was speaking to this man while the fight was going on."

Neither Cubitt nor the rickshaw coolie, Ngan Man-ho, were able to pick out any of the three men.

Forty-five deaths from tuberculosis were reported to the Medical authorities during the first eight days of the year. During the week ended January 8, 987 births and 248 deaths were registered.

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High-ranking officials of the American President Lines are holding conferences on traffic and freight conditions in the Far East in the Hong Kong office. Seen in this picture are Mr. F. H. Spangler, APL manager of the Singapore office, Mr. Willard T. Goodwin, Vice-President of the Far Eastern Division, and Mr. E. Hampson, Accountant of the Singapore office. — "China Mail" Photo.

Blair-Kerr On Delays In Disposing Of Cases

The attitude of the Kowloon Second Court towards adjournments and delays in disposing of cases was clearly stated by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday, in his reply to Mr. Marcus de Silva's protest at the court fixing a date for hearing of a case when defence counsel applied for a week's formal remand.

"The attitude of this court to adjournments and delays in disposing of cases is governed by the belief that it is in the interest of all concerned that cases should be disposed of in a reasonable time."

"It is unfair to both the prosecution and the defence to have charges outstanding for long periods. It detracts from the efficiency of our whole system of administration of criminal justice."

When the case in which Tam Kait, 22-year-old fook of the Shing Yick Extinguisher Co. of 213 Yui China Street, was charged with obstructing Detective Law Chuen in the execution of his duty at 32 Apple Street Second Floor, was called on January 11, Mr. Silva applied for the case to be heard on the afternoon of either February 1 or 10.

He said that at the first formal remand the court fixed the date of January 20, a date which was not available to defence counsel. When Mr. Silva suggested the two alternative dates, the court commented, "That's too far ahead, Mr. Silva."

Defence counsel referred to a private letter which he said he sent to the magistrate, in which he stated that the case was one

in which the defendant was arrested on January 11, and bailed out very late that night.

"He was only able to get in touch with me on the morning of January 12, on which date he appeared before the court on formal remand."

"As I was engaged on other business on January 12, I had no time to go into the question of his plea—and it would be insane of me to come before the court without going fully into his plea to see whether the court on mitigation, or to contest the charge—I sent my clerk with a letter to ask for a week's remand to take instructions."

Mr. Silva went on to say that when his clerk was in court the bench proceeded to fix January 26 for hearing the charge. He was told that the officer in charge of the case had not indicated that there was any particular hurry for the trial, and gave no indication for an early date.

The police officer also indicated that there was the possibility of the date fixed not being available in Mr. Silva's diary, but the bench proceeded to fix the date.

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PWD Charge Hand Gives Evidence

A statement that he could remember that exactly 600 yards of wire were taken from Wanchai for the Yacht Club electrical job because he had been interrogated so many times, was made yesterday by a Crown witness at the PWD larceny trial.

Lai Fu, chargehand attached to the PWD Wanchai workshop, disclosed this in the course of cross-examination by Mr. D'Alton, who had asked him how he could remember the amount of wire, and yet could not remember his previous wages.

Lai was giving evidence in the trial of Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary, Grade 1 electrical inspector, both of the Public Works Department, who are charged with 12 counts of larceny by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences, and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Lai Fu said in evidence yesterday that about May 1947 he undertook some electrical work at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on the waters of Tung Tin. The work, which was done by himself and three others, took three or four days.

Lai testified that the materials were obtained from the Wanchai workshop.

Referring to Lai's statement given in the Lower Court, Mr. D'Alton, counsel for Spary, told witness that he had said he was instructed to do the work by Ho Ting. Witness replied by saying that before going to work that morning, he saw his number on the board written by Ho Ting.

Lai further said that instructions were given by Ho Ting, while the one who took him to the site for the job was Tang Tin. Lai further revealed that the materials were taken from the floor of the workshop by his gang, and that someone had already taken them from the stores and took them to the first floor.

Mr. D'Alton then told witness that in his previous statement, witness had said he did not remember from what part of the workshop he had obtained the materials.

Counsel suggested to Lai that he had told three stories, the first in the Lower Court being that he had taken the stores from the Wanchai workshop but could not remember where. The second story being that he had obtained them from the first floor of the workshop, and the third that witness said he took the stores from the first floor because it was the usual routine. Witness agreed to this.

Asked as to whether the Yacht Club job was on the board at the Wanchai office in the morning, together with other jobs, witness replied in the affirmative.

Denies Receiving Money

Witness denied having been given any money for the Yacht Club job by anybody. He admitted, however, that about two months after the job Ho Ting informed him that they would have a dinner.

Witness further stated that his present wages were \$5 a day, but

he could not remember what it was before the strike of PWD employees.

Mr. D'Alton: How is it that you can remember exactly 600 yards of wire were taken from the Wanchai workshop for the Yacht Club job, and you cannot remember your previous wages?

Witness: I had been interrogated many times as to the yards of wiring and so I could remember that.

Cross-examined by Mr. Chen, counsel for Kwok, Lai stated that the 600 yards of wire were in coils and were covered with sacks. Tied to each coil was a label with English lettering on it.

The next witness, Ho Hui, electrician attached to the Wanchai workshop, gave corroborative evidence, after which, he was cross-examined by Mr. D'Alton.

Another electrician, Yeung Chai, testified to the work done at the Hong Kong Football Club, in which 30 to 40 yards of wire for the installation of fans were used. This work, witness said, was done on the instructions of Ho Ting.

Ng Kau, electrician, corroborated Yeung's evidence as regards the Football Club electrical job and testified that the materials were obtained from Wanchai. Witness also gave testimony as to the re-wiring of Room 215, Gloucester Building, after which, he said, he was given \$30 by a lady receptionist.

Ng, under cross-examination by Mr. D'Alton, testified that on the morning of the day he went to the Hong Kong Football Club, neither his name nor his number were on the 1st board. His instructions to install the three fans were received verbally from Ho Ting, he said, who told him that the wiring and the hooks were already in place at the club.

Cannot Remember

Asked by Mr. Chen if he could remember the date on which he began his job at the Hong Kong Football Club, witness said he could not remember the date nor the month, but that it was sometime in the Autumn of 1947.

Chan Chung-chai, another electrician, testified that he worked at the European dentists' office at 215 Gloucester Building with Ng Kau, and also at the Football Club with Yeung Chai.

Lo Kin, chargehand attached to the PWD workshop at Lung Hom gave evidence as to electrical work having been done at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club under instructions from Kwok Kwong. Having received such instructions, he continued, he gave orders to another workman as to the re-wiring of the place. Two or three days after the commencement of the work, witness said, the 600 yards of wire had been used up, so that a further 100 yards were given to him by Kwok Kwong.

Cross-examined, witness denied having taken back money from several workmen as a chargehand, after they had been paid for a certain job.

Mr. Chen: The workmen draw money for overtime work and you took it back didn't you? Witness: That had nothing to do with me. I put it to you that you not only got the money from the men but you gave it to Ho Sung. Ho Sung told me to do so.

After further cross-examination, another electrician gave testimony as to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club electrical job. He further added that he had, on one occasion, seen Spary at the bar in the club having a drink, while he was at work near the telephone booth on the verandah.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Alton, witness admitted he never actually saw any materials being taken at any time out of the stores while the work at the Bowling Green was in progress.

After further cross-examination, hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "The History of Education" by Mr. T. R. Rowell, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Bridge-Mah Jong Drive in aid of Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children, Repulse Bay Hotel Lounge, 2.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HKFA Inter-Party Sub-Committee meeting, HKFA office, Prince's Bldg., 6.15 p.m.
Emergency Committee meeting of HKFA, Prince's Bldg., 6.15 p.m.
Army Cross-Country Race, Sunway, 2 p.m.
RAY Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Screening of coloured film on "Mechanical Handling Equipment" by British General Electric Co. Ltd, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 6.15 p.m.
HK Stage Club's casting meeting for "The Guinea Pig", China Flat Club, 8.30 p.m.
Talk on "School Broadcasts" by Dr. D. P. Dobson, to HK Teachers' Association, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Legislative Council Meeting, Council Chamber, 2.30 p.m.
St. Thomas' More Association Annual general meeting, Catholic Club, King's Bldg., 8.30 p.m.
Ycunter Got Club dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.



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(British Section)

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Tenders must attach to each tender a receipt showing that they have deposited with the Accountant of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the sum of \$500.00 as pledge of the bona fides of their tenders, which sum shall be forfeited to the Railway, if any tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted.

Forms of tender, specifications and further particulars may be obtained from the Head Office, Kowloon Canton Railway, Kowloon.

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General Manager, Railway.

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Dr. D. P. Dobson, J.P., I.H.D., will give a talk to members of the Association on "School Broadcasts" at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th, in St. John's Cathedral Hall. All interested are invited to attend.

M. HEARSON,

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- (1) the daily collection and removal of blood and hair from Kennedy Town Slaughter House.
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Full particulars and procedure for tendering were published in the Government Gazette of 14th January, 1949, Notification Nos. 50 and 51 or can be obtained from the Urban Council Office, Post Office Building, 3rd floor.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,

Secretary, Urban Council.

Hong Kong, January 21, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that as from 19/1/49 till 30/1/49 the following roads are closed to vehicular traffic:—

Gloucester Road between Fleming Road and Fenwick Street. O'Brien & Luard Roads between Gloucester Road and Lockhart Road.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, January 18, 1949.

SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1949 at 3 p.m.

The area which comprises 3,150 square feet is situated at Un Chau Street, New Kowloon, and is suitable for residential purposes.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of 14th January, 1949 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

V. KENNIFF,

Director of Public Works.

January 6, 1949.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

There will be a Casting Meeting for the Stage Club's next production—"The Guinea Pig" on Thursday, 20th Jan. 1949, at 8.30 p.m. in Room A, 2nd Floor, China Fleet Club.

All members and anyone interested are asked to please attend.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Double Tennis Championships to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 21st, 1949.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on February 11th, 1949.

NOTICE

NATURALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT HERMES NOLASCO DA SILVA, of 91 KADOORIE AVENUE, KOWLOON, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

ST. THOMAS MORE ASSOCIATION

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Catholic Club, "King's" Building, this evening at 8.30 p.m. to receive the Reports for 1948, and to elect the President and Council for 1949.

The meeting will be opened by an Address by the Rev. Fr. T. Sheridan, S.J.

Tea will be served.

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On instructions received from the owners, The Orient Tobacco Manufacturing Co. Ingenohl Ltd., 16B, Des Voeux Road, Mezzanine Floor, Gloucester Building, Hong Kong, the undersigned have much pleasure in announcing the

SALE BY AUCTION on Monday, 24th January, 1949 (unless previously sold) At 3.00 o'clock in the Afternoon

AT
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OF THE ORIENT TOBACCO MANUFACTURING CO. INGENOHL LTD.
At 582, Nathan Road, Mongkok, Kowloon.
**Parts of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203
Situated at Nathan Road, Mongkok, Kowloon.**

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LOT NO. 1
Situated on the corner of Nathan Road and Soy Street. Area 5636.25 square feet—Frontage, West side on Nathan Road, 74 Feet 11 Inches, North side on Soy Street 130 Feet, East side on proposed extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street 74 Feet 11 Inches, South side on other portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203 130 Feet. This Lot is Vacant Land with the exception of 5 temporary shops fronting on Nathan Road now let on monthly tenancies.

LOT NO. 2
Situated on the corner of Nathan Road and Dundas Street. Area: 51640 square feet. Frontage: West side on Nathan Road 161 Feet 4 Inches, South side on Dundas Street 320 Feet, North side on other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203 320 Feet, East Side on other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203 161 Feet 4 Inches.

On This Lot are Erected:
(1) Ten temporary shops fronting on Nathan Road now let on monthly tenancies.
(2) The valuable factory building of the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing Co. Ingenohl Ltd. as now damaged. Part of the Lot at the rear of the factory building of an area of approximately 6150 square feet is now let on a monthly tenancy as open storage. The tenant has undertaken in writing to vacate on the 28th February, 1949.

This Lot with its large frontages on Nathan Road and Dundas Street is one of the largest and most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road now available for development. The factory building could at comparatively little expense easily be converted for use as a Hotel, School, Office Block, Department Store or the like.

LOT NO. 3
Situated on the corner of Soy Street and the proposed extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street. Area: 1105 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

LOT NO. 4 TO 9 INCLUSIVE
Situated on Soy Street. Area: 1040 square feet for each Lot. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

LOT NO. 10
Situated on the corner of Soy Street and other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203. Area: 1105 square feet. This Lot is also let as open storage on a monthly tenancy. Notice to quit has been given to the tenant.

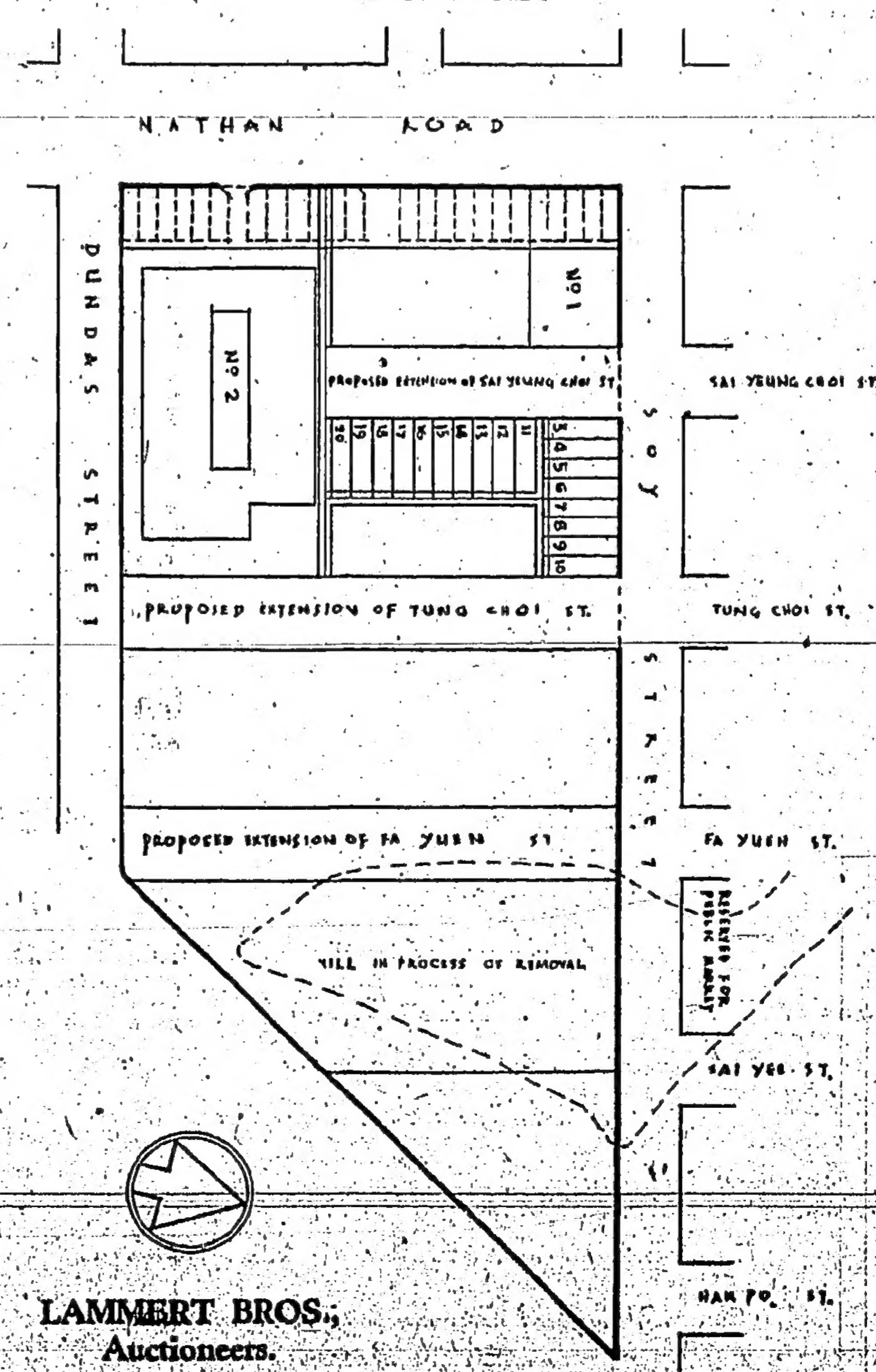
LOT NO. 11
Situated on the proposed extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street. Area: 1458.435 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

LOTS NOS. 12 TO 19 INCLUSIVE
Situated on proposed extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street. Area: 1040 square feet for each Lot. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

LOT NO. 20
Situated on proposed extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street. Area: 1458.435 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

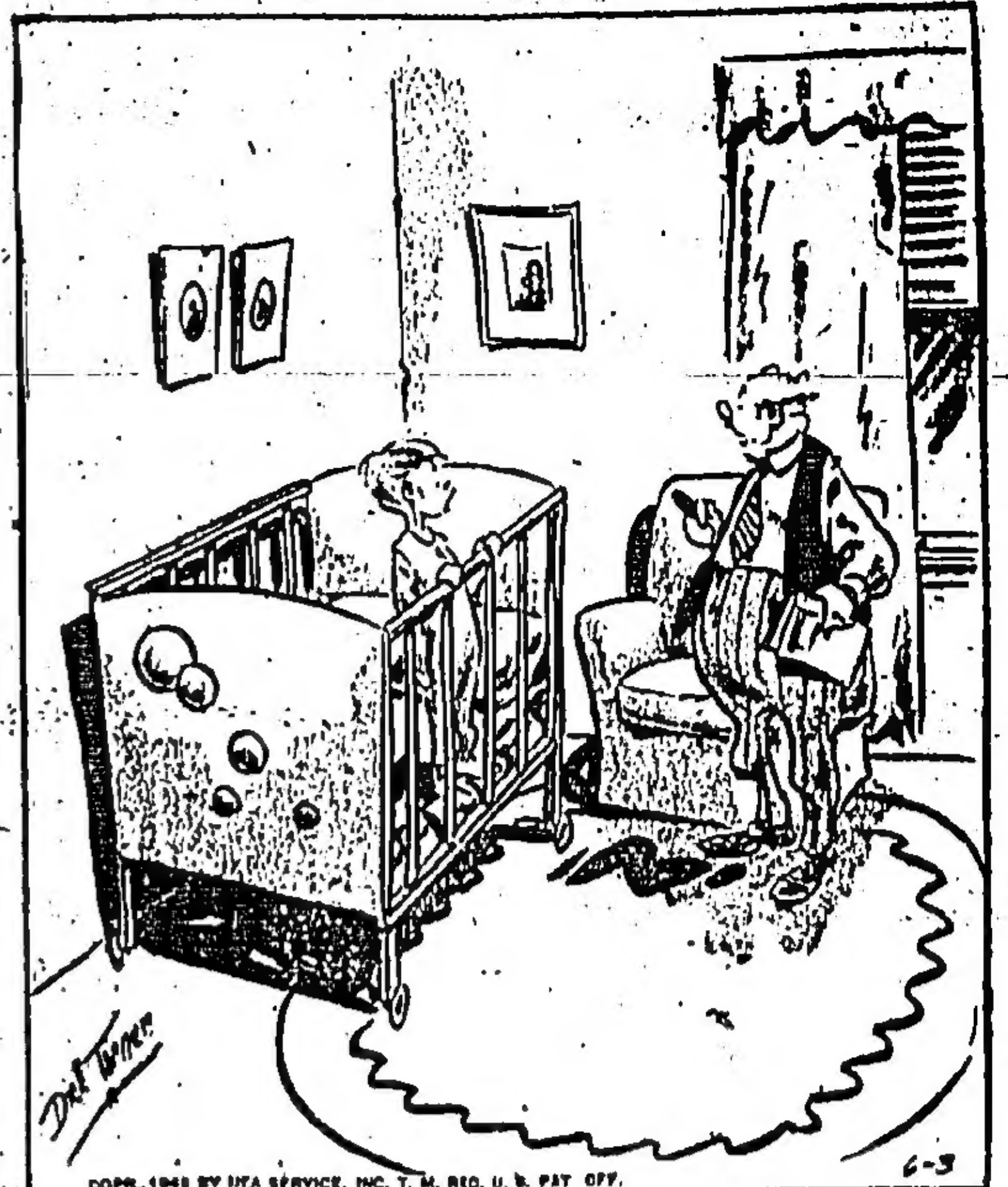
All the Lots are held under a Crown Lease for Seventy-five years (renewable for a further term of Seventy-five years) from the 28th day of January, 1907. No building covenant is attached to the Lots sold.
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SITE PLAN



CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

THIS REBID NOT WEAK

WHENEVER the partner of an opening bidder bids and then rebids in the same suit as his first two responses, he is making the second time what most good players consider a sign-off indicating length but lack of honour strength. A third rebid of it on the next turn is still more of a sign-off indicating greater length. But such bids by the opening bidder can't never be sign-offs, since he has shown honour strength with his opening bid "can never deny it later. If he rebids the same suit three times, and it is a minor, maybe his call at the three level is rather strong asking his partner to try a No Trump game if he has a mere stopper in some suit not yet shown as obstructed.

SA 10 4
H Q 9 6 5
DA 5
C 7 6 5 2
S Q J 10 7
H K J 10 8
D K 6 4
C None
H 7 3
D Q J 10 8 3 2
C 10 8

plained later, he considered a mere 3-Clubs over 2-Hearts, an absolute minimum rebid of his original suit, to be much too weak for a hand containing apparently eight trick takers, opposite a partner who had shown ability to respond with two different suits. So he hopped all the way into 5-Clubs. That contract was set in a hurry with two tricks in diamonds followed by one in spades.

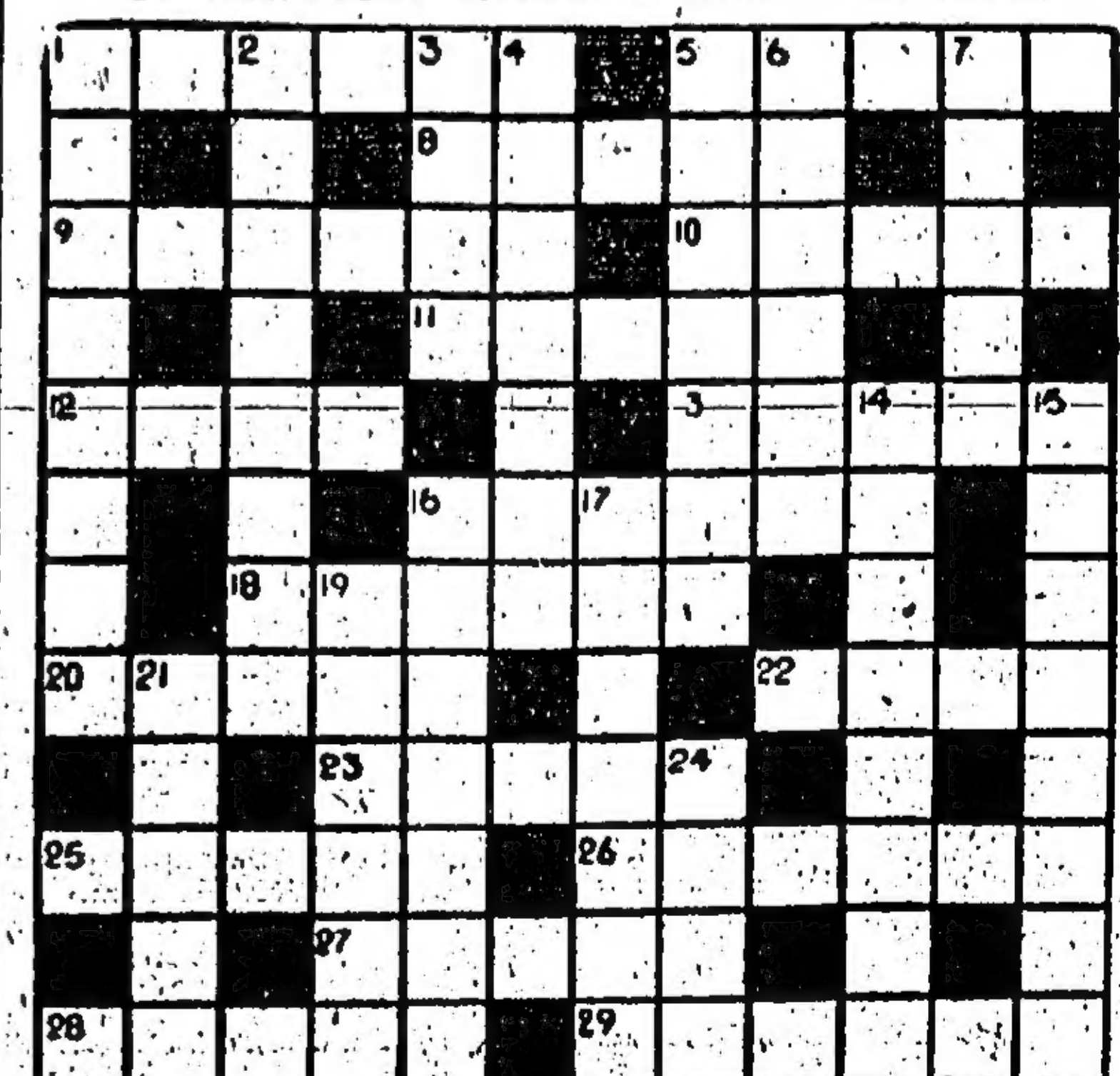
After the deal was over, his table—which happened to be the final round of the whole game, a real veteran of the wars who sat at another table told him about the bidding as given above and explained that, in this situation a minimum rebid of three in a minor is partly to say "below the No Trump game level and see if his partner can't stop all the other suits. Such a rebid, he explained, is not necessarily weak at all.

As it developed, West could make the No Trump game against any defence, and did, whereas the eleven-trick club contract was doomed from the beginning.

Your Question

You have undoubtedly learned the news that a new set of official Laws of Contract Bridge went into force all over the world on October 1. Do you know in what respects they have changed the game, and in what respects they have left it unaltered? If not, this column will answer your own questions and enable you to protect your opponents' and your own interests at the bridge table.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Execute. 18 Piece. 20 Steward. 21 Good-look- ing. 22 Fele. 23 Attempt. 24 Pulling along. 27 Submit. 28 Voice. 29 Protect.
3 Abate. 4 Gam. 5 Kindly. 10 Of first importance. 11 Souvenir. 12 Organ. 13 View. 14 Discussion.
15 Piece. 16 Set in order. 17 Piece of furniture. 18 Carry too far. 19 Best part. 20 Old times. 21 Soothing.

Down
1 Novice. 2 medicine. 3 Half open. 4 Expunges. 5 Renaissance. 6 Bring to light. 7 Separate. 8 Soothing. 9 Hardy. 10 Prepare. 11 Suck. 12 Fine. 13 Easy. 14 Wish. 15 Amend. 16 Pomp. 17 Pile. 18 Entrant. 19 Deep. 20 Grand. 21 Usual. 22 Omit. 23 Trick.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—3 Miss, 7 Matry, 8 Avid, 9 Epic, 10 Adipore, 12 Know, 15 Apple, 18 Prey, 19 Means, 21 Oiler, 22 Dent, 23 Agent, 26 Post, 29 Redress, 30 Road, 31 Dire, 32 Fatal, 33 Kids.
DOWN—1 Hardy, 2 Prepare, 4 Inpel, 5 Suck, 6 Fine, 9 Easy, 11 Opera, 13 Nest, 14 Wish, 16 Amend, 17 Pomp, 18 Pile, 20 Entrant, 22 Deep, 24 Grand, 25 Usual, 27 Omit, 28 Trick.

THE SIXTY-SECOND INSTALLMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
Own Story Of The War
In Europe

everyone has been schooled to accept it. Hysteria, born of excessive fear, is encountered only in exceptional cases. In battles of this kind it is more than ever necessary that responsible commanders exhibit the firmness, the calmness, the optimism that can pierce through the web of conflicting reports, doubts, and uncertainty and by taking advantage of every enemy weakness win through to victory. The American commanders reached in just this fashion.

Early in the battle, on December 22, I issued one of the few "Orders of the Day" I wrote during the war. In it I said:

By rushing out from his fixed position, the enemy was giving us the chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat. We called upon every man, "for all the Allies to rise now to new heights of courage, of resolution and of effort. Let everyone hold before him a single thought—to destroy the enemy on the ground, in the air, everywhere—destroy him! United in this determination and with unshakable faith in the cause for which we fight, we will, with God's help, go forward to our greatest victory."

North of the break-through three Allied armies and part of another occupied a great salient, extending in a rough semicircle over 250 miles of front. In the Twenty-first Army Group, facing Northward and Eastward along the lower Rhine and the Meuse River, next to the South was the U.S. Ninth Army, facing East. Next in line was that part of the U.S. First Army, now facing Southward, which remained North of the penetration.

All the troops that could be spared from the First and Ninth Army fronts were being assembled to build up an East-West defensive line against the German assault. These two armies could, at that moment, provide no mobile reserve whatsoever.

There was, however, an available reserve in Montgomery's Twenty-first Army Group. It was the British 30 Corps, then out of the line and available for duty anywhere on our great semicircle of which might be attacked by the enemy. Very definitely that salient had become one battle front, with a single reserve which might be called upon to operate in support either of the British and Canadian armies or of the American Ninth and First Armies. The depth of the German advances on the eighteenth and nineteenth had broken all normal communications between Bradley's headquarters at Luxembourg and the headquarters of the Ninth and First Armies. For this reason it was completely impossible for Bradley to give to the attack on the Southern shoulder the attention that I desired, and at the same time keep vigilantly in touch with the troops in the North who were called upon to meet the heaviest German blows.

To this whole situation only one solution seemed applicable. This was to place all our Northern salient under one commander. The only way of achieving the necessary unity was to place Montgomery temporarily in command of all the Northern forces and direct Bradley to give his full attention to affairs on the South. Because of my faith in the soundness of the teamwork that we had built up, I had no hesitancy in adopting this solution. I telephoned Bradley to inform him of

this decision and then called Field Marshal Montgomery and gave him his orders.

Late that evening Mr. Churchill telephoned to ask how the battle was going. I gave him the outline of the countermeasures already directed and informed him of the temporary command setup. He remarked that my plan would make the British reserve instantly available for use wherever needed, regardless of previously defined zones, and said, "I assure you that British troops will always do it an honour to enter the same battle as their American friends."

The command plan worked and there was generally universal acceptance of its necessity at the time.

Unfortunately, after the battle was over a press conference held by Montgomery, supplemented by a number of press stories written by reporters attached to the Twenty-first Army Group, created the unfortunate impression among Americans that Montgomery was claiming he had moved in as the saviour of the Americans. I do not believe that Montgomery meant his words as they sounded, but the mischief was not lessened thereby.

This incident caused me more distress and worry than did any similar one of the war. I doubt that Montgomery ever came to realize how deeply resentful some American commanders were. They believed that he had deliberately belittled them—and they were not slow to voice reciprocal scorn and contempt. However, the accusations and recriminations that flew about the command for a period were directed not at the military soundness of the original decision but at the interpretations the Americans placed upon Montgomery's press conference and the news stories out of his headquarters. It was a pity that such an incident had to mar the universal satisfaction in final success.

At the same time a portion of the British press revived the old question of a single ground commander. Field Marshal Montgomery believed in this as a matter of principle; he offered to resign as Commander in Chief of the British Army if I would approve. It was opposed as a matter of principle and continued to reject the proposition. Even General Marshall, on December 30, telephoned me on this point, saying:

They may or may not have brought to your attention articles in certain London papers proposing a British deputy commander for all your ground forces, and implying that you have undertaken too much of a task yourself. My feeling is this: under no circumstances make any concessions of any kind whatsoever. I am not assuming that you had in mind such a concession. I just wish you to be certain of our attitude. You are doing a grand job, and go on and give them hell.

To Be Continued

the strength of the German assault and spoke so lightly of the task assigned him that I felt it necessary to impress upon him the need of strength and cohesion in his own advance.

We discussed the advisability of attempting to organize a simultaneous attack somewhat farther to the East, against the Southern shoulder of the salient. It was concluded that future events might indicate the desirability of such a move, but that for the moment we should, in that locality, merely insure the safety of the shoulder and confine our attacks to the sector indicated.

The directive issued at Verdun on December 19 established the outline of the plan for counteraction on the Southern flank and was not thereafter varied. When Patton issued his own attack order, he, as was customary with him, set an impossibly distant objective for his forces. However, such a move, because both Bradley and I were concerned only with a methodical advance to the Bastogne area, after which Bradley would determine the particular moves to follow.

The Colmar pocket had a definite and restrictive influence on the plans made that morning. Had that pocket not existed, the French Army could easily have held the line of the Rhine from the Swiss border Northward to the Saar region, which would have released all of the American Seventh Army for employment Northward of that point and so



provided much greater strength for Patton's attack. However, the Colmar pocket stood as a threat to our front in the Rhine plain East of the Vosges and it was consequently unwise and dangerous to take from that area all the troops that otherwise could have been spared.

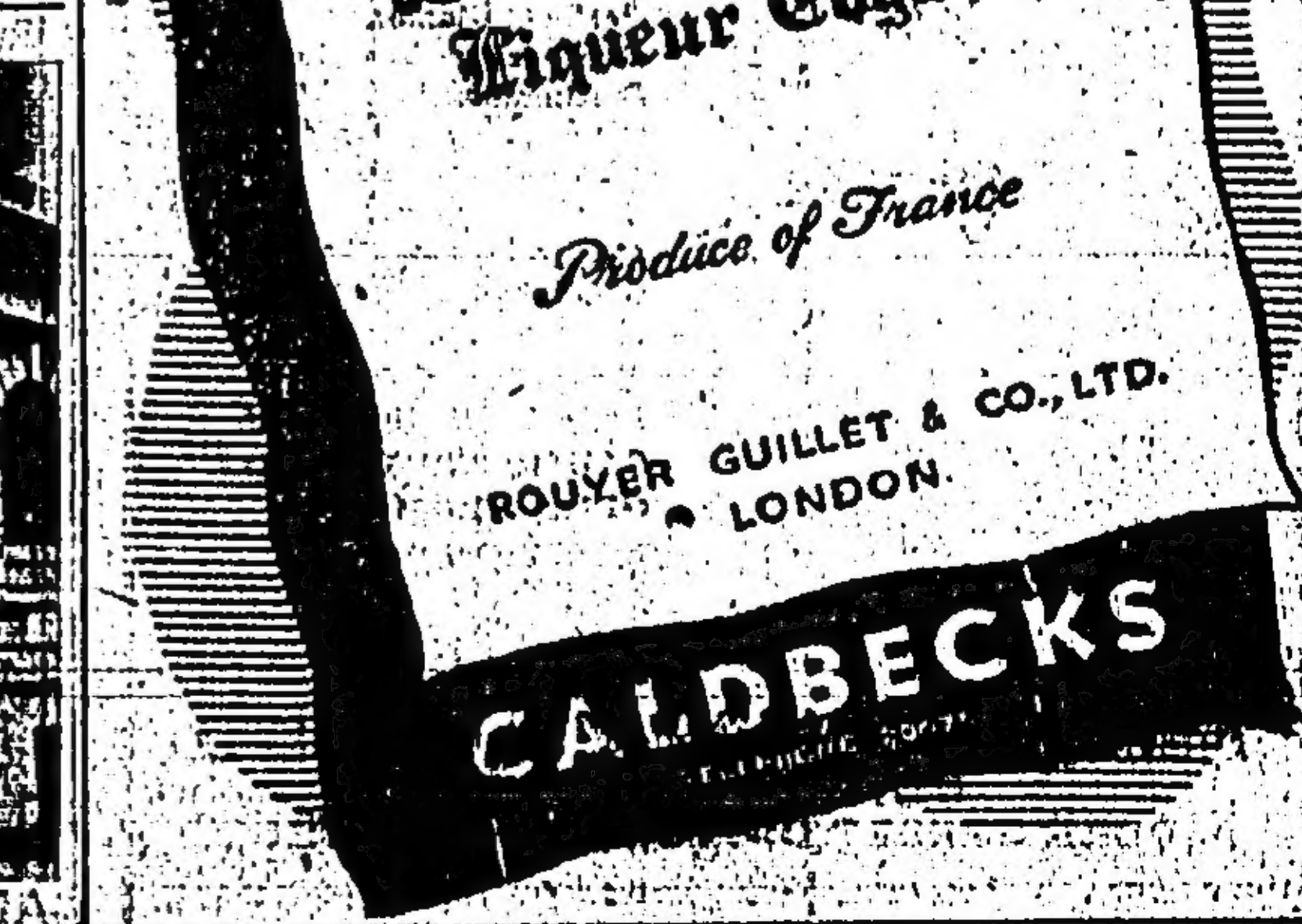
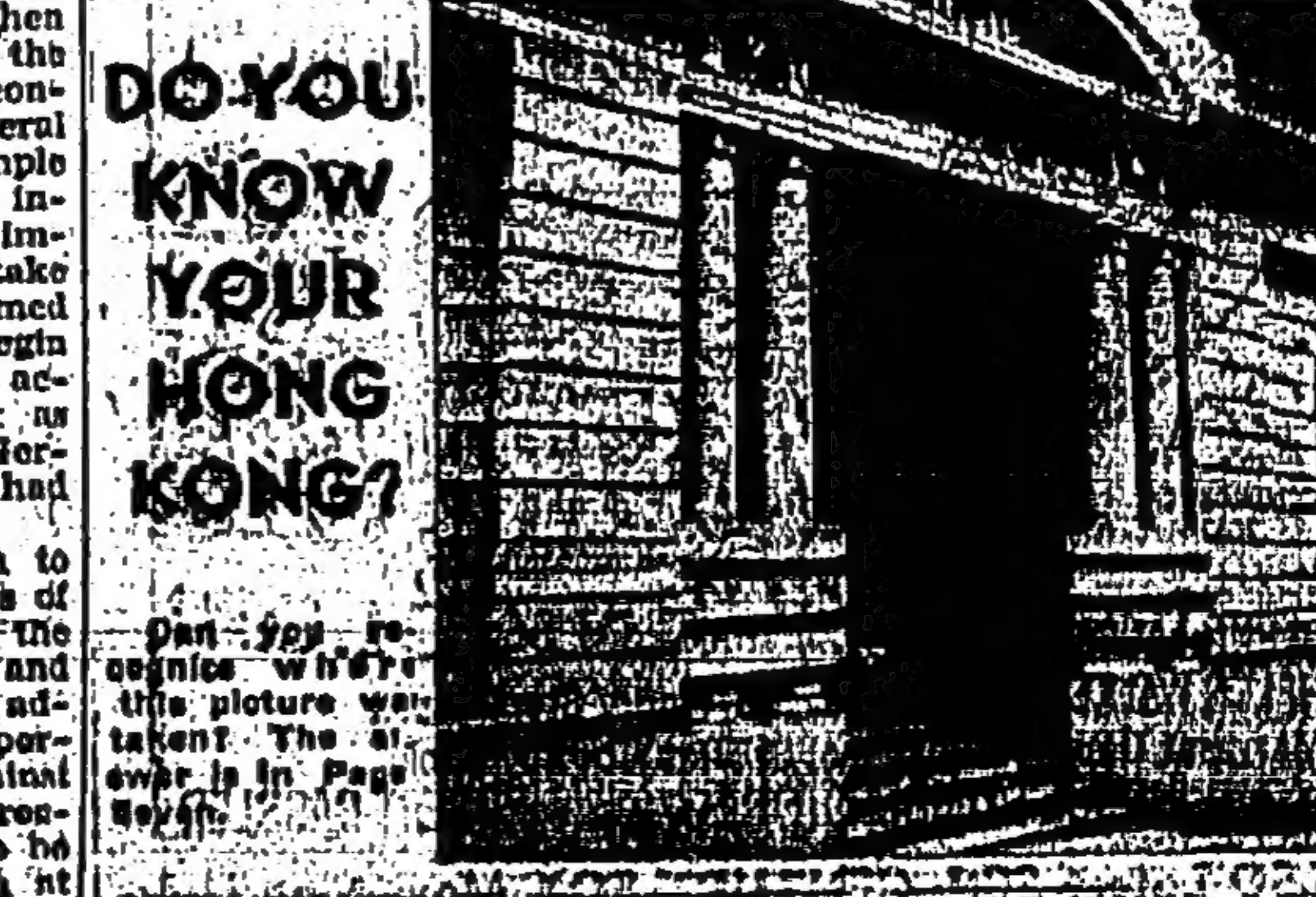
Devers was instructed to give up any forward salient in this area that would permit saving troops and in case of an attack to ground slowly on his Northern flank, even if he had to move completely back to the Vosges. The Northern Alsatian plain was of no immediate value to us. It was at that time quite willing to withdraw on Devers' front. If necessary, all the way to the Eastern edge of the Vosges. But I would not allow the Germans to re-enter those mountains, and this line was definitely laid down as the one that must be held on Devers' front.

These instructions were of course communicated to the First Army, since they implied the possibility of retrograde movement, and if this became necessary, even the city of Strasbourg might have to be temporarily abandoned. The French commander eventually relayed this information to Paris, where it caused great concern in military and governmental circles. General Juin, Chief of Staff of the French Army, came to see me and urged that I should not give up the city of Strasbourg. I told him that at that moment I could not guarantee the city's security but would not give it up unnecessarily. The

This kind of battle places maximum strain upon an army in the field, from the highest general to the last private in the ranks. Its destructive moral effect falls most heavily, of course, upon the troops units that are struck by the attack. Confronted by overwhelming power, and unaware of the measures that their commanders have in mind for moving to their support, the soldiers in the front lines, suffering all the dangers and risks of actual contact, inevitably experience confusion, bewilderment, and discouragement.

In a different way, the pressure upon higher commanders is equally great. No matter how confident they may be of their ultimate ability to foil the enemy and even to turn the situation into a favourable one, there always exists the danger, when the enemy has the initiative, of something going wrong. The history of war is replete with instances where a sudden, unexpected change of weather, or some other unforeseen circumstance has defeated the best-laid plans and brought losses rather than victory. It would be idle and false to pretend that the Allied forces, in all echelons, did not suffer strain and worry throughout the first week of the Ardennes attack. It would be equally false to overemphasize the extent and the effect.

No responsible individual in war is ever free of mental strain; in battles such as the one initiated by the German attack in the Ardennes, this reaches a peak. But in a well-trained combat force,



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PRINCESS AND THE PURITANS

So Rita Hayworth is to marry her prince. At least, as soon as she is divorced from his present wife.

Thus ends, presumably, the sordid few months' publicity of the romance between the beautiful Hollywood star and the fabulously wealthy Indian aristocrat. From the time when two London Sunday newspapers denounced their association, guardians of public morality from clergyman to lecturer have added their recriminations on the pair who, while unmarried, dared to travel the world on the same steamers, trains and planes. No attacker, to our knowledge, has openly suggested they were breaking the sixth Christian commandment, but the inference has been there, and the only surprising thing is that the persons criticised have not set out on an orgy of international libel actions.

Had all this happened in the reign of the good Queen Victoria, one might not have been surprised, but for at least three decades it has been accepted by Western society that two people of opposite sexes, not married to each other, might nevertheless be capable of leaving home on holiday or business jaunts without the previously-mentioned ordinance being contravened. Even the most worthy fledglings of middle class families might depart together for their holidays, whether engaged or not, without Suburbia being scandalised to its backbone of Maple's furniture.

Possibly a film star cannot do as others do, in spite of the popular rumour that Hollywood is a hotbed of immorality. But to us it looks more like one of those all too instinctive reactions to mixed marriages—or even more likely, in an age of impoverishment and post-war austerity, a malicious envy of a wealthy young couple who can afford to gad about the world without apparent responsibilities.

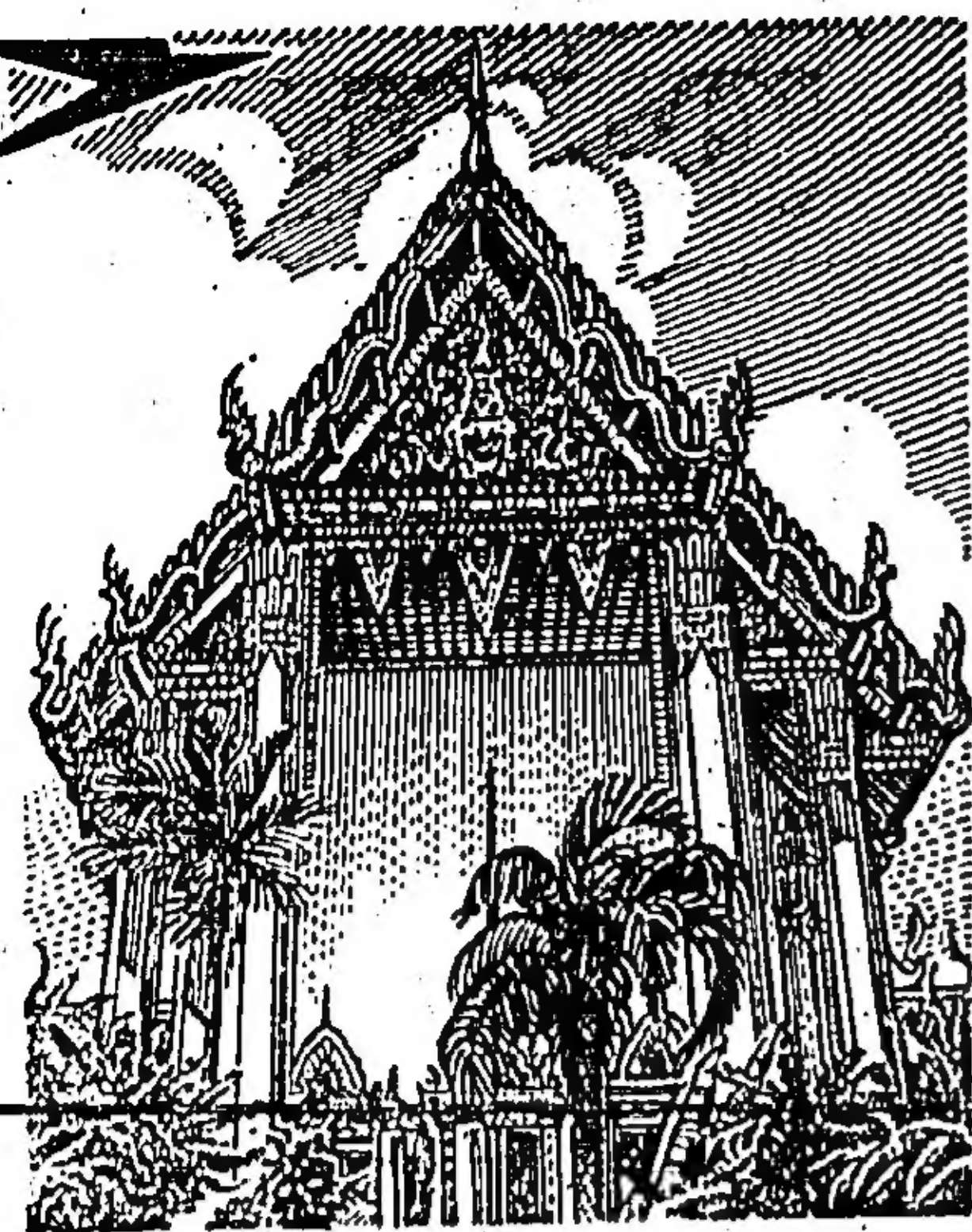
Be that as it may, more than one neutral observer will sympathise with Prince Aly's wish recorded yesterday, that after the marriage "private affairs will be treated with the habitual consideration which is accorded to the private affairs of people in general."

Victoria in Absentia

One might not think it from past records, but we would not be surprised if the Hong Kong administration is showing remarkable foresight, or if you like, anticipation, of future anti-quarantines' warfare.

Since the first world war, most of us have regarded the excesses of Victorian builders and designers as eyesores, subjects for amusement or bilious distaste. The stone structure in Statue Square which formerly housed one of the thousands of metal immortalisations of Queen Victoria is in the most execrable tradition, and the news that it was to be pulled down was hailed on almost every side with relief. As we write, however, the erection is being carefully removed prior to being shored pieces by piece, with the idea apparently that it may be re-constructed elsewhere at a later date.

As we say, future generations may find such preserved relics of comparable artistic merit to the era of Praxiteles and company, but in the meantime we do implore the authorities to consult residents living near the intended new site before the tortured piece of masonry is imposed on their hitherto blameless area.



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COMMONS TO DEBATE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE

Mr. Ernest Bevin Replies To Queries On Palestine RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

London, January 19.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, yesterday headed off a House of Commons' debate on his Palestine policy with an assurance that Britain plans no aggressive action to support her Arab Allies.

Mr. Winston Churchill, veteran conservative leader, and the Communist, Willie Gallacher, both pressed for British recognition of Israel.

Mr. Bevin replied that recognition of a de facto government is not an easy matter.

National Service Call Up

London, January 18. About 150,000 young Britons will be called up for National Service this year, it was announced when the House of Commons met after the Christmas recess.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, said that there will be four registrations for National Service this year, and the call-up age will remain unchanged, at a little above 18 years and three months. The registrations take place on February 28, May 21, September 5 and December 2.

Mr. Isaacs said that he will announce further registrations and any change in the age of call-up in 1950 as early as he can in order to give young men the longest possible notice.

Facilities will be given to those who desire to start service at 18 to enable them to complete service in time for consequent civil activity.

No decision on the age of call-up for 1950 has been, or can be, taken until the requirements of the Services are known. Making a guess, Mr. Isaacs thought about 150,000 young men will be called up under the scheme in 1949.—Reuter.

"There is another part of the world—Indonesia—where the whole question of de facto recognition has treated very seriously," he said.

Mr. Bevin won from his angry Parliamentary critics a reluctant agreement to defer a full dress debate on the Middle East problem until next week. Then he will face challenges of every political shade, including a large bloc in his own Labour Party, who seem determined to unsettle him.

A public discussion of the issue now, Mr. Bevin contended, may imperil Egyptian-Jewish amicable talks under way at Rhodes. "We have been using all our influence in conjunction with the United States," Mr. Bevin said, "in the hope of arriving at a complete armistice between the Jews and the Arabs."

Cyprus Decision

Mr. Bevin announced that the British Government is prepared to allow Jews of military age detained in Cyprus to leave as soon as the Jews provide transport for them.

The Government has been able to do this because of the more favourable situation which has now arisen, he added.

Mr. Bevin went on: "As the Rhodes negotiations make progress, the Government will carefully watch them and we shall take further steps as may be necessary in the hope of facilitating peace and understanding."

He hopes to be able to make a fuller statement next week.

Mr. Winston Churchill said the Opposition will have to ask for a debate next week. He said: "The House must not be prevented from discussing matters of real and burning interest by vague statements of great improvements that are on the way and important and delicate discussions that are going on."

Criticism By Churchill

Mr. Churchill said: "I do not think that the statement made by Mr. Bevin of the release of latins numbers, or considerable numbers, of Jewish immigrants of fighting age from Cyprus in order that they should join the Jewish forces in Palestine fits in very well with the drastic military action which he has taken in other directions."

Mr. Churchill asked: "Is he not reinforcing both sides at once?" Mr. Churchill also envisaged a debate on some precise motion such as the actual orders given to the British aeroplanes which were tossed away the other day.

Mr. Bevin replied: "I would like to explain without going into details that in nearly all this business I have been handicapped by arrangements with other people."

"While I have no desire to preserve my reputation, I am very interested in doing things to get peace."

Aqaba Move

Replying to Mr. Clement Davies, leader of the Liberals, Mr. Bevin said he would deprecate discussing details which led to the Trans-Jordan Government's asking for the stationing of British forces in Aqaba.

"The British Government takes the view that under the treaty this was a request we could not refuse in the light of all the circumstances and events at that moment."

"As these troops were sent to Transjordan territory and no troops have been sent to Palestine, there was no obligation on us to seek the assent of the Security Council."

Mr. Bevin added: "Our future action will be determined by our treaty obligations and United Nations decisions."

"We have no obligations or intention to engage in any offensive or aggressive action. We hope that the truce which now exists will be maintained and that no further questions of military operations will arise."

Mr. Churchill later asked whether a British representative to the de facto Government

Lord Inchcape Optimistic

Shanghai, January 19. Lord Inchcape, senior partner of Mackinnon Mackenzie, expressed optimism regarding the future of Shanghai in a press conference.

"I share the optimism of people here about this place," he said. "Shanghai is a very important port serving a wealthy-producing area, and trade is bound to continue here although deteriorating international transportation conditions may delay its full recovery."

Lord Inchcape is on a tour of inspection of Far Eastern branches.—Reuter.

Recognition Of Israel

Mr. Bevin replied that recognition is now under discussion and added: "You cannot take one State in isolation. There is the question of another part of the world where the whole matter of this de facto recognition could create very serious trouble—Indonesia—and very great difficulties for sovereignty and all the rest of it."

Replying to further questions, Mr. Bevin stated: "My policy since I have been in office has always been that these cases will never be settled unless it is by agreement between the two parties."

"I have been trying to get the negotiations going. There will be no need to move any troops if both sides now keep the truce. I shall be against either side if it breaks the truce."

A Jewish Labour Member, Mr. Sidney Silverman, asked why British troops were sent to Aqaba when Israeli troops had not gone into Transjordan.

Mr. Bevin replied that there was a very grave danger of one point. "I do not want to say any more today and unless you provoke me I won't say any more."

Critics' Dilemma

The general Parliamentary reaction to the Foreign Secretary's replies is that his handling of the situation has confronted Labour critics of his Palestine policy with a dilemma.

Political quarters consider that today's test of the reaction of Parliament as a whole will greatly strengthen the hands of the Labour Party leaders in measures to contain any potential challenge within the Party's ranks.

In Parliament, the effect was seen in the conciliatory exchange of views between the Opposition leader, Mr. Churchill, the Liberal leader, Mr. Davies, and the Government spokesman on arrangements for a debate next week.

There was no sign of the angry clamour for an immediate discussion which might otherwise have developed.—Reuter.

ss. Chusan Coming Out Next Year

London, January 18. The new P. & O. 24,000-ton liner Chusan, the largest and fastest of the company's Far Eastern fleet, will make her first run to Singapore in the spring of 1950, her owners estimated in London today.

The builders, Vickers Armstrong, of Barrow-in-Furness, gave the end of June as a tentative date for her launching on the Tyne.

The price of the Chusan has not been officially stated by the builders or the owners, and probably will not be announced until the launching, but the cost of building ships of this class at present prices is estimated in the region of £2,500,000.

The new liner carries a traditional and historical name in the line. The first Chusan, built in 1832, became famous as the first steamer to open up the Australian mail service via Singapore. A second was launched in 1884.—Reuter.

Talks With Bao Dai Nearing Success

Canas, January 19.

France appears on Tuesday to be near final success in her efforts to get Bao Dai to return to his throne in Indo-China.

France hopes that his return as Emperor of Annam will end the costly two-year-old civil war in the Far Eastern colony.

A person close to the ex-Emperor predicts that Bao Dai will return by February 9, new year's day for the Annamites.

Equally optimistic are sources close to M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, who has been conferring here with Bao Dai.

France has always promised to give Indo-China limited independence within the French Union.

Negotiations have hitherto broken down over such details as whether Indo-China can have its own armed forces and own diplomats abroad.

France is generally believed to have made important concessions to Bao Dai because she feels that Indo-China may be soon outflanked by the Communist armies in China.

Broad Accord

Communist-trained Ho Chi Minh is the leader of the Vietnamese Nationalists who have been fighting the French in the jungles since 1945.

France hopes that her concessions, plus the personality of Bao Dai, will lead Ho Chi Minh's troops to abandon their guns.

The Chinese Communists, the French believe, may give the Vietnamese both material and moral support that will encourage Ho Chi Minh to fight on in the belief that he can kick the French out entirely.

M. Pignon has left for Paris where negotiations will resume on Friday.

"We are in broad accord on all the questions examined," said a friend of Bao Dai.

The drafting of agreements making Vietnam an associate State of the French Union will be continued on Friday.

Xuan's Toast

An associate of the ex-Emperor said: "We have reached general

agreement on all questions examined, and we are very optimistic as to the final outcome of the talks."

At a lunch in Paris today attended by M. P. Coste-Floret, Minister of Overseas France, and M. Emile Bollaert, former French High Commissioner in Indo-China, General Nguyen Van Xuan, head of the Provisional General Government of Vietnam, gave a toast to the French Union, "to which independent Vietnam is going to adhere in a more real manner."

Associated Press and Reuter.

U.K. Claim Against Albanians

The Hague, January 19.

Sir Frank Soskice, British Solicitor-General, demanded before the International Court of Justice today that Albanians pay £875,000 damages to Britain for breaking international law in the Corfu Channel case.

The case concerns the two British destroyers which struck mines in the Corfu Channel on October 22, 1946. Thirty-eight officers and ratings were killed and 45 others wounded.

Sir Frank claimed that damages suffered by the British were £750,000 for damage to the British destroyer Saumarez, £75,000 for damage to the British destroyer Volage and £50,000 compensation of the pensions and other expenses incurred by the United Kingdom Government in respect of death and insurance of naval personnel.—Associated Press.

SEX WORDS GIVE BBC HEADACHE

Birmingham, January 18.

British Broadcasting Corporation officials sat in judgment today on the recording of a script which contains sex words never before used on radio.

On their decision depends whether 18,000,000 listeners will learn the whole story of ductless glands or only their functions in "safe" areas.

The script is part of a series on scientific subjects called "Look Ahead." It was written in consultation with leading scientists and all facts have been checked.

However, the problem is how much of the work of ductless glands is fit for family consumption and development because of the importance of glands in reproduction. Even the scientific words for certain glands caused the BBC misgivings.

It was decided, therefore, to empanel the executives to listen to the recording and decide whether the words in question ought to be eliminated.

The Midlands programme director, who ordered the script, says it describes the effect of glands and hormones and points out that new techniques mark the way to the day when women of 60 may be able to have children.

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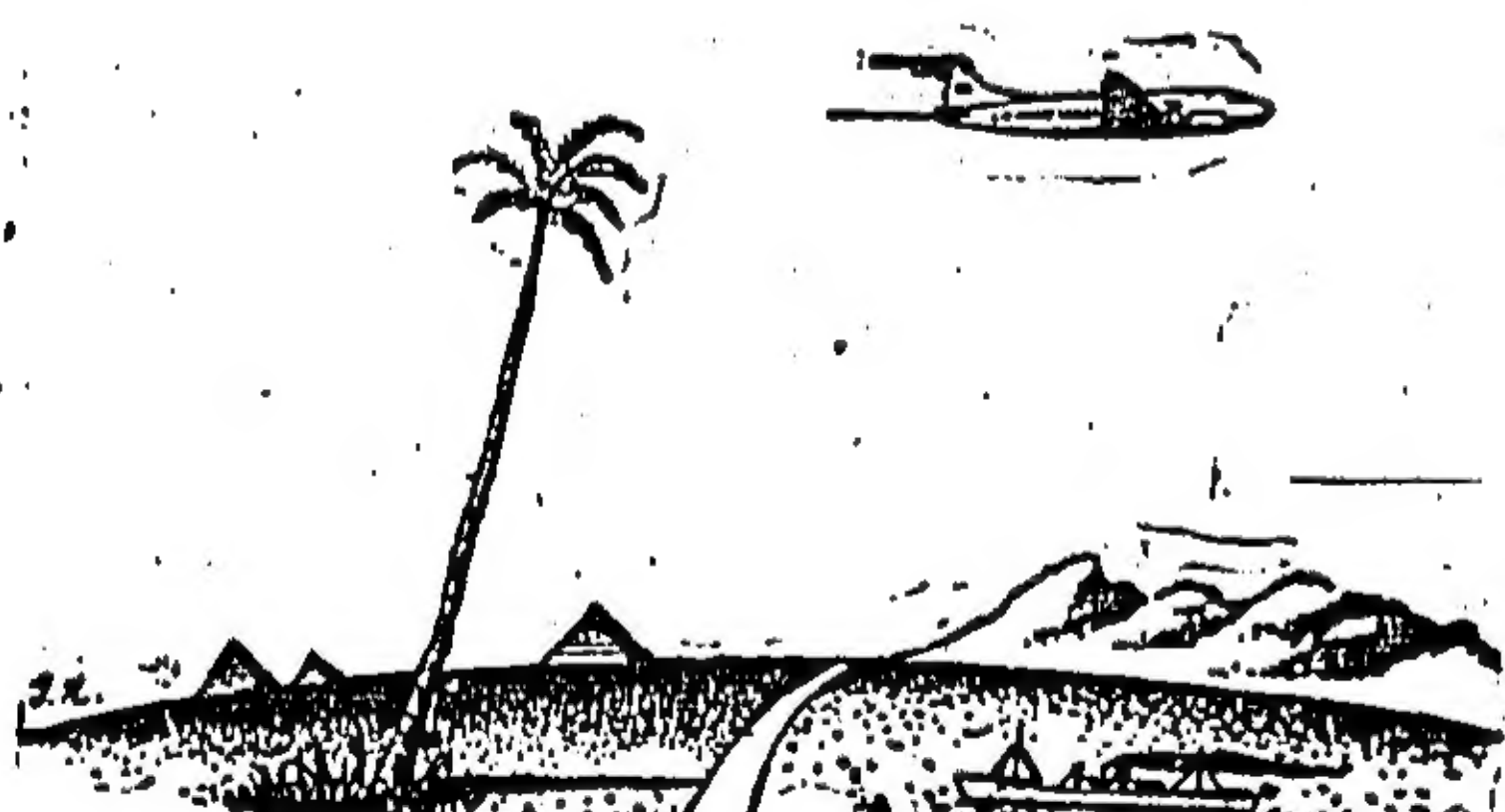
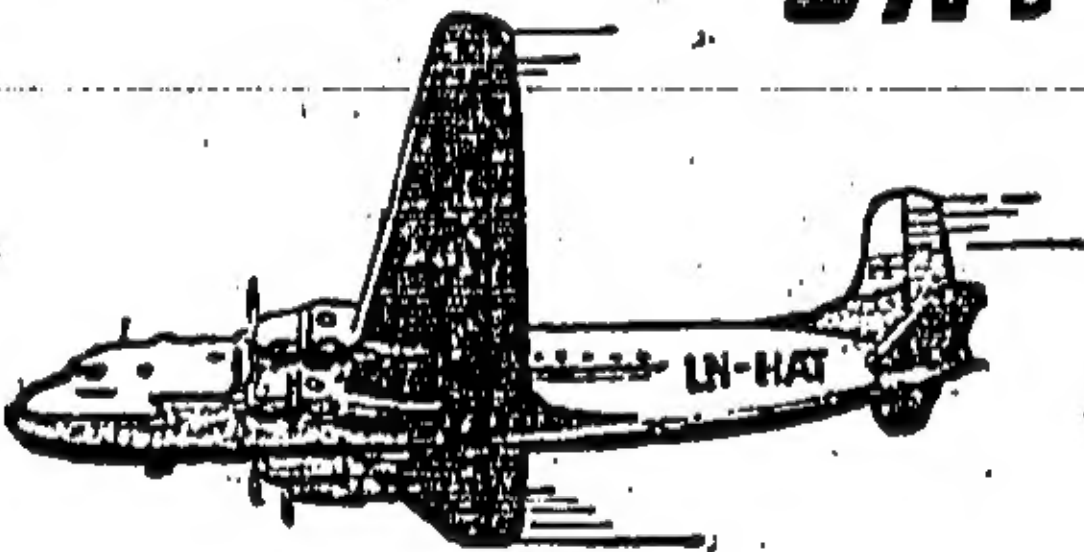


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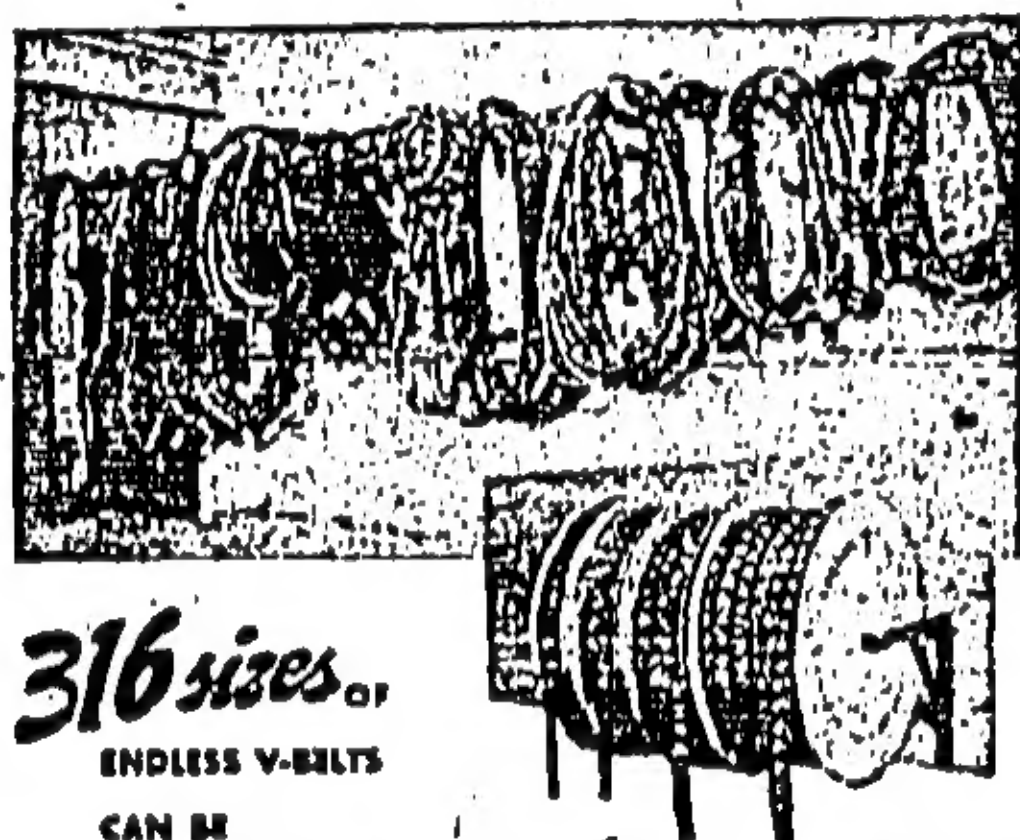
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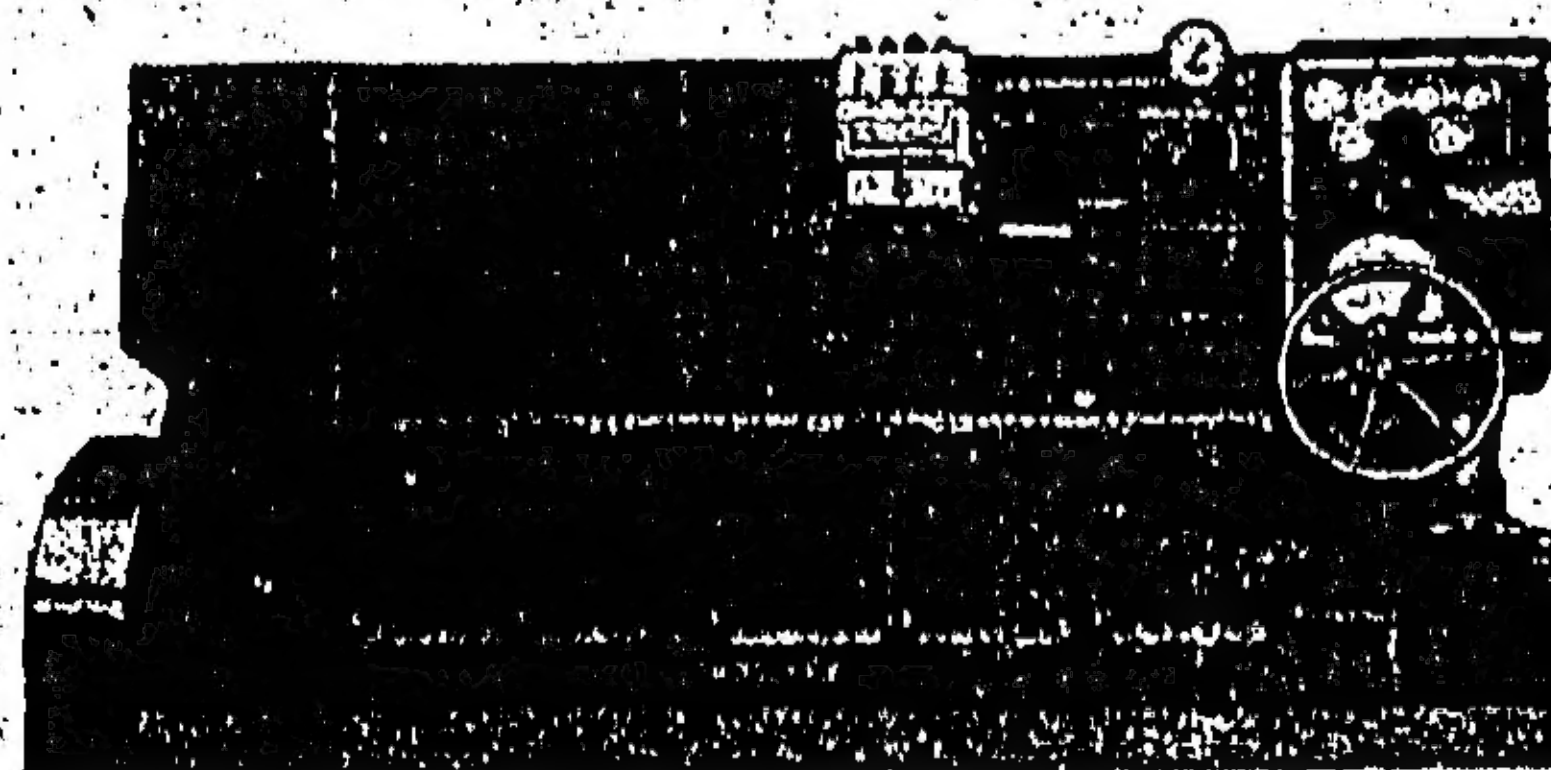
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BRITISH ENGINEER DEVELOPS WIRELESS SET WITHOUT WIRES

The inside of an ordinary radio receiver is a long way from living up to the name "wireless set" by which it is often known. Under the metal frame, or chassis, there is a complicated network of wires connecting the various components together. Each wire necessitates the making of at least two soldered joints—one at either end—and in a medium-sized receiver there may be 100 or more of these.

All of these joints have to be made by hand when the set is being assembled, and this is a relatively expensive process. Another thing about the set under examination is that it consists of a large number of parts, or components, such as valveholders, coils, condensers and resistors, each of which must be separately made and mounted on the chassis.

By means of his electronic-controlled set-making apparatus, Mr. John Sargrove has succeeded in eliminating from the radio receiver all connecting wires, all hand-made joints and nearly all separately made components. In his process, now operating with completely successful results, the making, mounting and linking up of components are carried out automatically and simultaneously by an ingenious machine.

A plastic "blank" is fed by an operator into one end of the machine. A second operator receives it as it emerges on a conveyor belt at the other end of the machine. But it is no longer a blank. It is a complete panel, containing the components already mentioned, not only made by the machine, but linked by it into the circuits of a radio receiver.

The machine delivers finished panels at the rate of one every 20 seconds. Besides the two operators there is an electrician, ready to deal with any adjustment that may be needed, but his services are so seldom required that he can supervise two or three machines.

The plastic blank fed into the machine is normally a sheet of insulating material, oblong in shape. Moulded into its upper and under surfaces are grooves and depressions of various sizes and shapes. There are also numerous holes right through the panel.

First of all the grooves attract attention. Some are straight, some form zig-zags, some make spirals. The straight grooves, when the panel has passed through the machine, will form the connecting links, the spirals will contain the turns of the coils, the zig-zags will become resistors and the other depressions, round or rectangular in shape, will be turned into condensers. Every such depression on the face of the panel has an exactly corresponding depression at the back, only a thin web of plastic being left between the two. This web constitutes the dielectric of the condenser.

Film Of Zinc

As the panel goes into the first stage of the machine, it is placed between "masks" which cover up the zig-zag grooves, but leave all the rest exposed. When the panel reaches this stage, spray-guns, discharging a mist of molten zinc, are automatically switched into action. The whole of the exposed surfaces, including the grooves and depressions, thus receive a deposit of metallic zinc, which is a good conductor of electricity. The film of zinc is deposited on both sides of the panel.

In the next stage masks cover all save the zig-zag grooves on both sides of the panel, and "guns" are switched into action which coat these with a thin layer of high resistance alloy. The panel now passes into a further stage of the machine where grinders remove all metal deposits from both surfaces. We are thus left with an insulating panel, on either side of which are grooves and depressions coated with metal. In these grooves, or depressions which form the turns of coils, the plates of condensers or the connecting links, the metal is a good conductor. The zig-zag grooves contain a deposit of metal with a high resistance to current.

Automatic Tests

At this point automatic tests are made to ensure that conductors, insulators and resistors are properly placed. The next process is of special interest. One may wonder how the grooves which correspond to the wires of an ordinary receiver can be made to cross one another without there being any leakage of current between the two. This is accomplished in the following way.

To simplify matters, take the direction of one groove as East-West and that of the other as North-South. On the front of the panel the East-West groove is continuous. The North-South groove comes to an end at a hole a short distance from the East-West groove and restarts at another hole a little way beyond it. Turn the panel over. These two holes are connected on the underside by a metal-filled groove. Tubular rivets are automatically driven through the holes and clinched. Thus the North-South path ducks under the East-West via the rivets and the groove on the underside.

Similar tubular rivets automatically inserted into the remaining holes do other useful jobs. Some, for instance, are arranged in groups to form valveholders. Others provide sockets for the very few components (audio-frequency transformers and so on) which cannot be "grown" on the panel during its passage through the machine.

After undergoing further searching tests, all automatically made, the panel is given a protective sprayed-on coating of plastic insulating material and emerges at the output end of the machine complete, save for the valves and the very small number of other parts which are quickly plugged into the sockets waiting for them.

At least two panels are needed to form the "works" of a complete receiving set. But this introduces no difficulty. Near the corners of each panel are sockets (tubular rivets again) for the connections to the next panel. The connections are made by plugging in metal rods, which thus become not only connectors but also distance-pieces between the panels. Nothing now remains to be done but to slide the set into its plastic cabinet and to plug into their respective sockets the connectors of the loudspeaker and of the mains current supply.

Forward Step

Sargrove has made another important forward step in the development of low-priced, mass-produced receivers. In the sets with which we are familiar valves of different types



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are used for high-frequency amplification, detection, low-frequency amplification, output, rectification and so on. Sargrove has designed a valve which is capable of performing each of these functions, and this one type is used in all the valveholders of his sets.

Admittedly such a "jack-of-all-trades" valve is not quite so efficient in any position as a valve of a specialised type would be. But it is far cheaper to produce 100,000 valves all of the same kind than to make 20,000 each of five different types. Nor does the efficiency of individual valves matter enormously in a set designed primarily for dealing with a local broadcasting station. What the inventor has accomplished so far is a practical system of mass-producing low-priced receivers more quickly and far more cheaply than by conventional methods. He has no intention of stopping there, for there is no reason why the system should be confined to the small receiver. Within reason, there is no limit to the number of panels, each automatically completed by a machine, that can be combined to build up a large and highly efficient radio receiver. Nor need this remarkable process be limited to the production of radio receivers. Actually, work has been going for some time on the development of television receivers built up of such machine-made panels.

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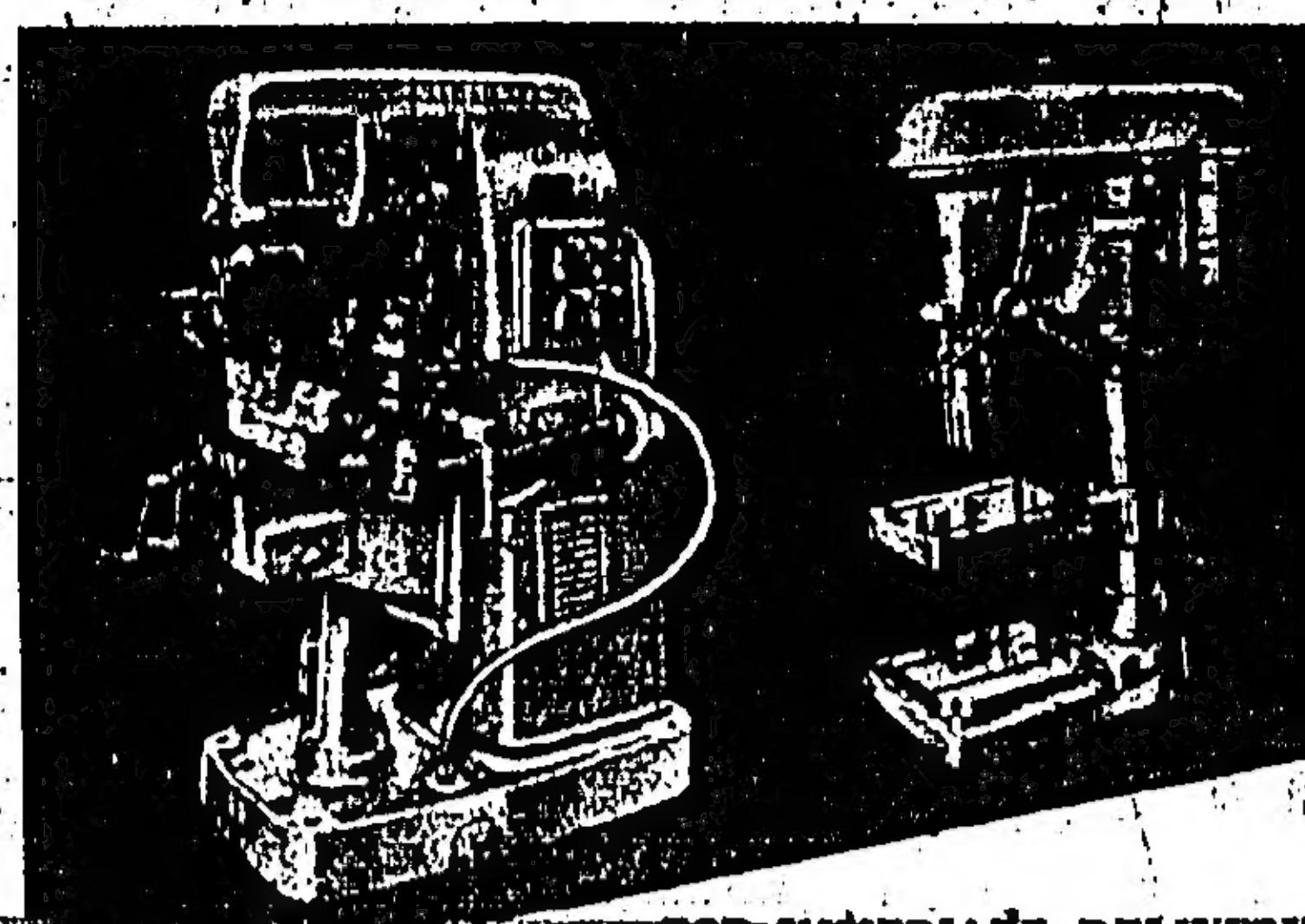
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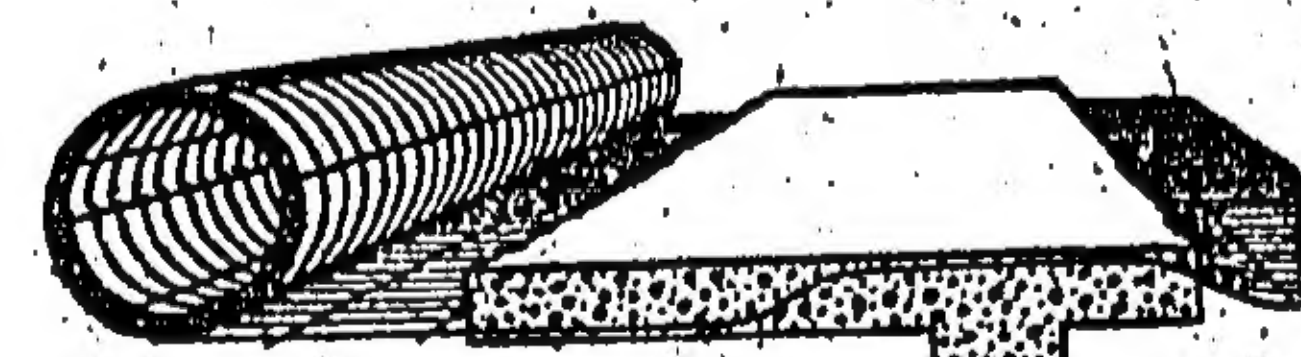
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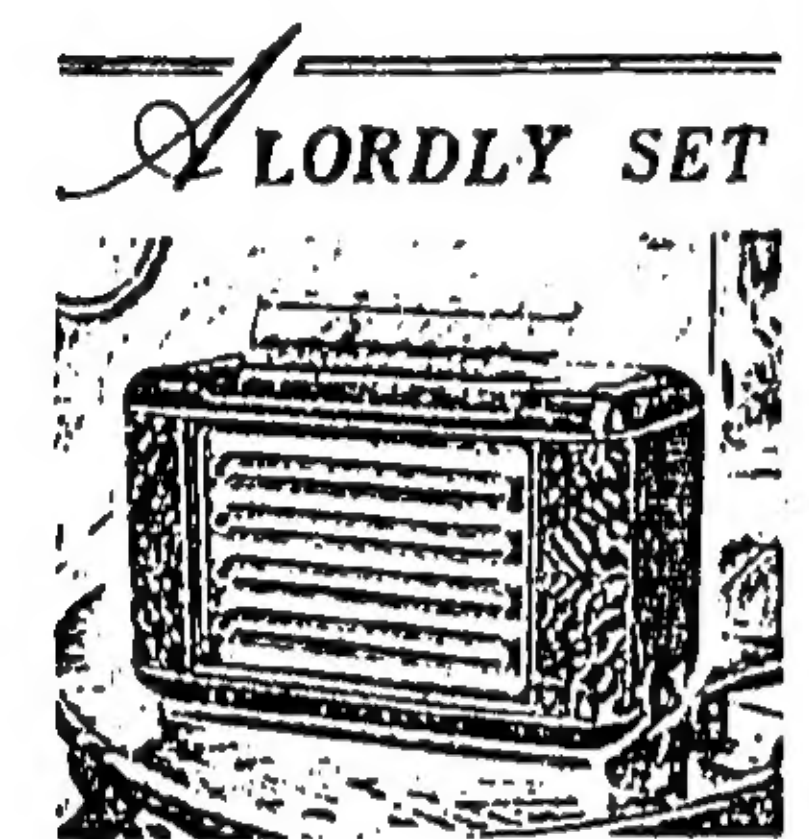
"String" Was Tail Of Mouse

London, January 19. A mouse cooked in with the chipped potatoes cost Frederick Pilling, a Croydon restaurant operator, a £10 fine yesterday. He pleaded guilty to a charge of selling food unfit for human consumption but said he kept a cat in the restaurant and did not know there were any mice around the place.

One girl testified that she found a "piece of string" in her chips but turned a few minutes later that it was the residue of half a mouse another girl found in her potatoes.

"Everyone immediately stopped eating," the prosecutor said.

Pilling's lawyer said that the mouse was "a very small one" and that perhaps it strayed through a ventilator and fell into the chips without being detected. —Associated Press.



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Paris, January 18. Mr. Hugh Dalton, leader of the British delegation, told the six-power European Unity Committee in Paris today that the British Government proposes that Strasbourg, capital of Alsace, be the seat of the proposed "Council of Europe." According to a British delegation member, this is one of the several surprise proposals Mr. Dalton sprang on the Committee.

No official details of the other proposals are available tonight.

It is learned in delegation circles that Mr. Dalton received a very hard and fast brief from Mr. Ernest Bevin to press for maximum powers to the Consultative Council of Ministers, leaving the proposed European Assembly or Parliament with more limited functions than the continental functions of Britain originally wanted.

The new British proposals to the European Unity Committee today were, according to British delegation sources, drawn up following Mr. Bevin's talks with the French Minister, M. Robert Schuman, in London last week.

Mr. Bevin apparently persuaded M. Schuman to agree that the Consultative Assembly proposed by the French and the Belgians should have severely restricted powers.

Historic Town

As outlined by one of the continental delegations, Mr. Dalton's proposal provides that the Consultative Assembly should discuss only subjects submitted to it by the Ministers' Council and should have the right merely to make recommendations on them.

Mr. Bevin is believed to have conceived the idea of Strasbourg being the seat of the proposed Council of Europe because of the historic significance of the University town as a centre of Western European civilisation and a link between France and Germany.

These were only two of the several surprise proposals which Mr. Dalton sprang on the Committee.

The French delegation expressed disappointment at the plan put forward by Mr. Dalton. One French delegate said the trend of today's discussion was very bad, but he hoped for an improvement before the end of the session.

It appears probable that the European Unity Committee will not make a unanimous report to the five-power Foreign Ministers' Council, which will meet in London later this month, and that the Foreign Ministers themselves will take the final decision.

The Committee talks lasted one and a half hours. Real business is expected to begin tomorrow.

Norwegians Seize British Trawler

Oslø, January 19. The English trawler "Lord Plender" of Hull has been seized near North Cape by the Norwegian authorities and a Norwegian crew has taken over to bring the ship to Tromsø.

The Norwegians assert that the trawler was inside Norwegian territorial waters. The skipper will be heard by the police on Wednesday. —Associated Press.

SINKS AFTER EXPLOSION

London, January 18. Seven men were lost with the Finnish auxiliary ship "Ma" (107 tons) which exploded and caught fire North of Åland Island in the Gulf of Bothnia in the Baltic. Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence reported today.

Five men were rescued. —Reuters.

Nordic Countries And Talks On Atlantic Defence

Copenhagen, January 18.

Denmark and Norway expect to receive an invitation from the United States this week to take part in the Atlantic Pact discussions in Washington.

This is according to the Copenhagen paper Berlingske Aftenavis, quoting Danish diplomatic circles.

The Danish Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee met again today. A usually reliable source said that the discussions centred on methods of creating a United Scandinavian foreign policy and regional defence pact within the framework of the United Nations.

The Committee heard reports yesterday from the Danish Chiefs of Staff on their recent discussions with their Swedish and Norwegian opposite numbers.

The Swedish Conservative Party leader, Dr. F. Domsge, declared in Stockholm today that Scandinavians can make their surest contribution to world peace through mutually binding co-operation in their own defence, without joining any great powers' pact.

Speaking in the budget debate in the Upper House, he said: "There should be no reason why anyone should refuse us any support which we need."

Mr. Domsge's statement followed enquiries made to the American Ambassador by the Swedish Foreign Minister about what American supplies will be available to an isolated Sweden.

The Ambassador said, according to well-informed sources,

U.S. REDS ON TRIAL

JUDGE MEDINA DENIES MOTIONS BY DEFENCE

New York, January 19.

The second day of the trial of 12 Communist leaders opened yesterday with the defence continuing its arguments in opposition to the Government's motion to proceed with the case.

The defence is also opposing the Government's motion for the severance of the case of William Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party.

Foster is suffering from a heart ailment and unable to attend court.

Federal Judge Harold Medina ruled that the trial proceed without Foster.

Defence Objects

Defence lawyers vigorously opposed the Government's plea to continue with the trial despite Foster's absence. They argued that he is indispensable to the presentation of their case.

However, United States Attorney John J. McGohhey moved that severance be granted Foster and that the trial of the others be heard.

Judge Medina, after listening to lengthy defence arguments by several counsel, said: "I grant the Government's motion in both respects."

He announced afterwards that he is willing to hear a further defence motion for postponement of the trial. Then he sent home a panel of 125 prospective jurors and directed them to return on Thursday. —Associated Press.

Wide Interest

In answer to defence motions on the removal of the police, the judge said: "I do not intend to fight my way through a crowd of beating and hissing individuals without proper protection."

The trial is getting the biggest news coverage since the Lindbergh baby kidnapping case trial in 1935.

Sixty-three reporters are accredited and drew lots for permanent seats.

In addition, scores of magazine writers, columnists, cartoonists and newsmen, radio and television men are present.

The three major domestic radio and television networks have a special room.

Gets Deed For All Celestial Space

Chicago, January 18.

James T. Mangan today filed a claim with the Recorder's Office to ownership of all space in all directions and the Recorder said Mangan will be given a deed.

Mangan does not claim any stars or planets, but merely wants possession of all celestial space.

"I am going to call it Celestia and bar any further rocket experiments," he said. "A hundred years from now, thousands of people will be living in space ships and I won't tolerate any trespassing."

He will organize a model nation dedicated to peace in space, he said.

He also plans to operate a cemetery, explaining: "My plans for a celestial cemetery involve freezing the bodies of the deceased and placing them in sodium balls. Then we shoot the balls into space, where they are unaffected by the earth's gravity, and they will begin to take up motion."

"Eventually, these balls will reflect the sun's rays and will shine like stars or planets from then on."

The United States Army will be trespassing if it carries out the idea of establishing atom bombing bases near the moon, he says, and insists: "That is my property."

Radio waves now travel through space, Mangan added, "but they will have to get permission from me in future."

Mangan filed a deed on January 8 but the County Recorder refused to accept it. The State Attorney, however, wrote a 2,000-word opinion, declaring Mangan's claim is in order and should be admitted. —United Press.

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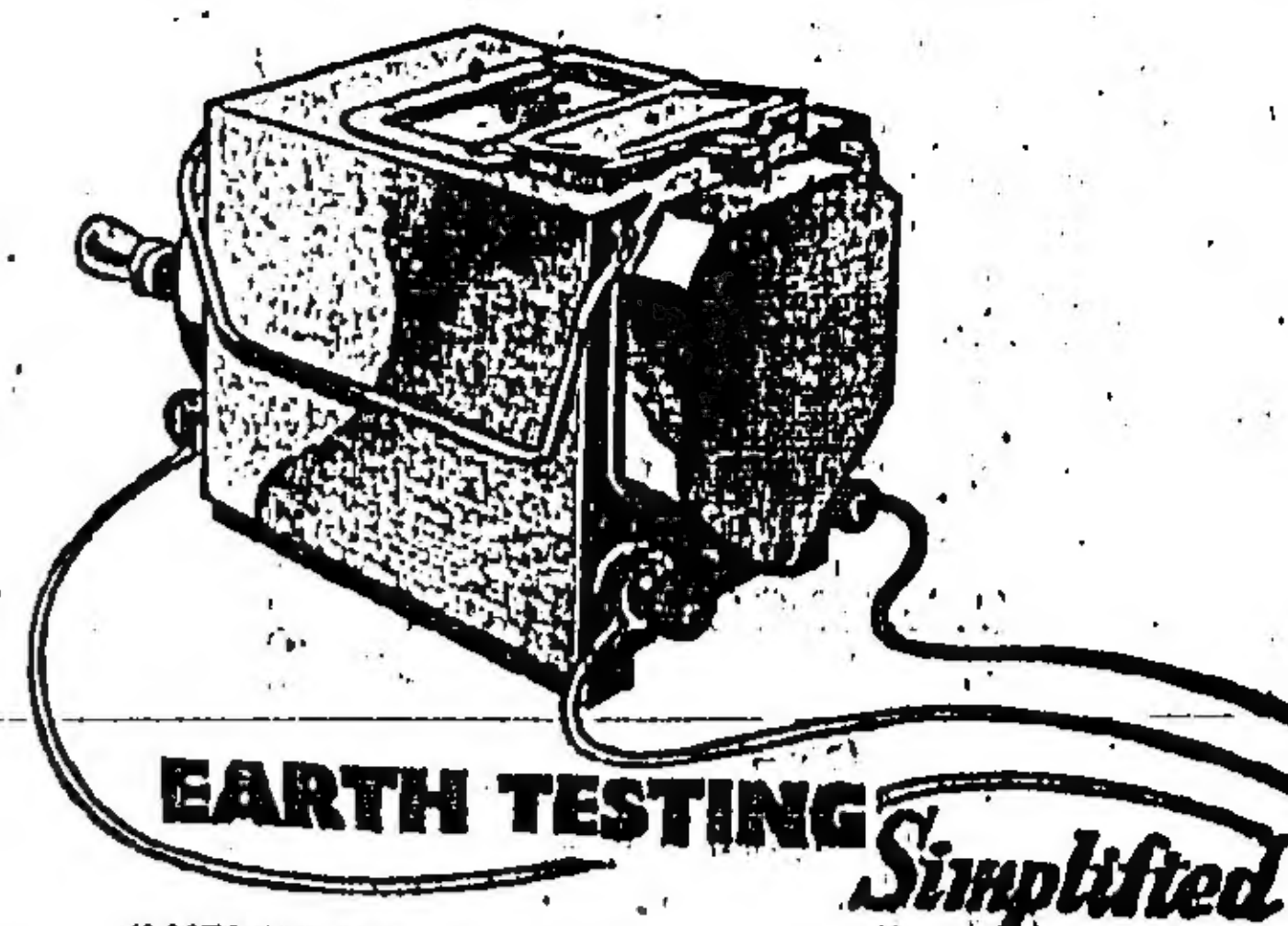
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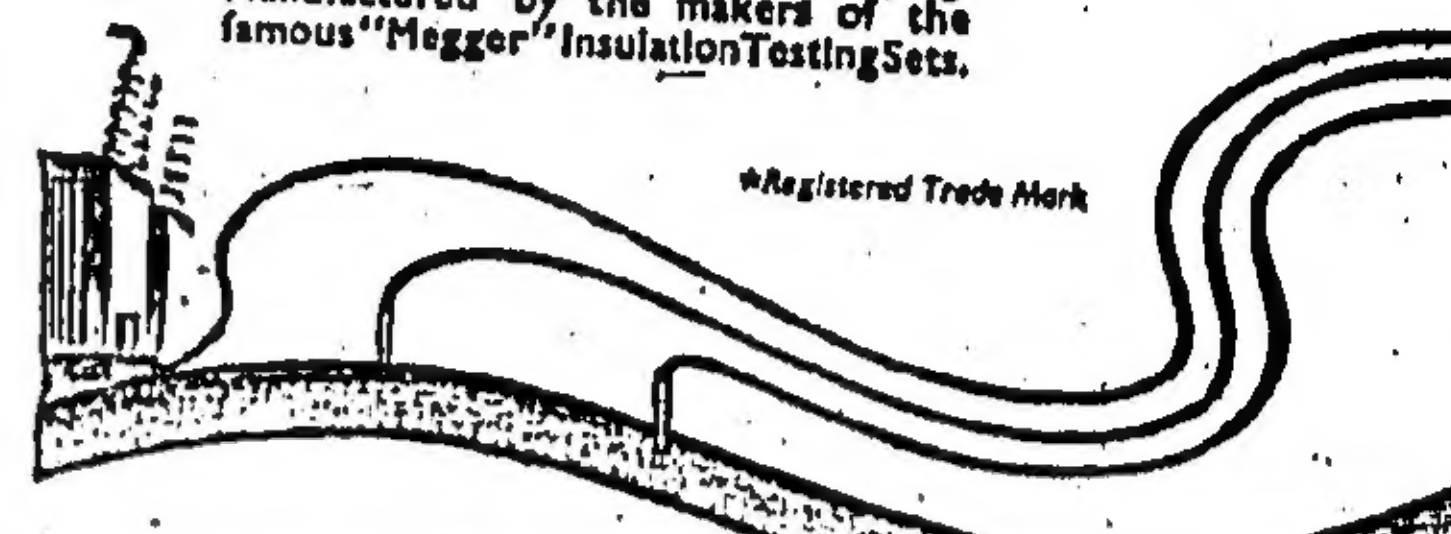
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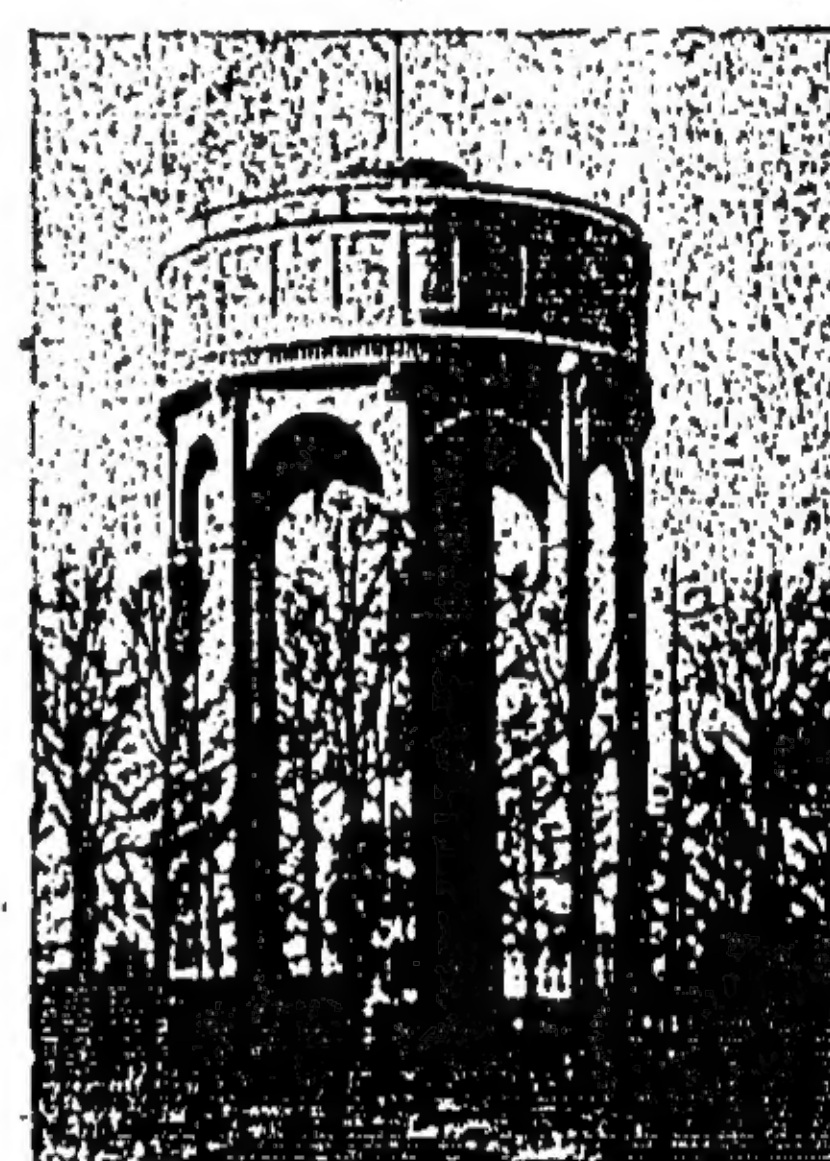


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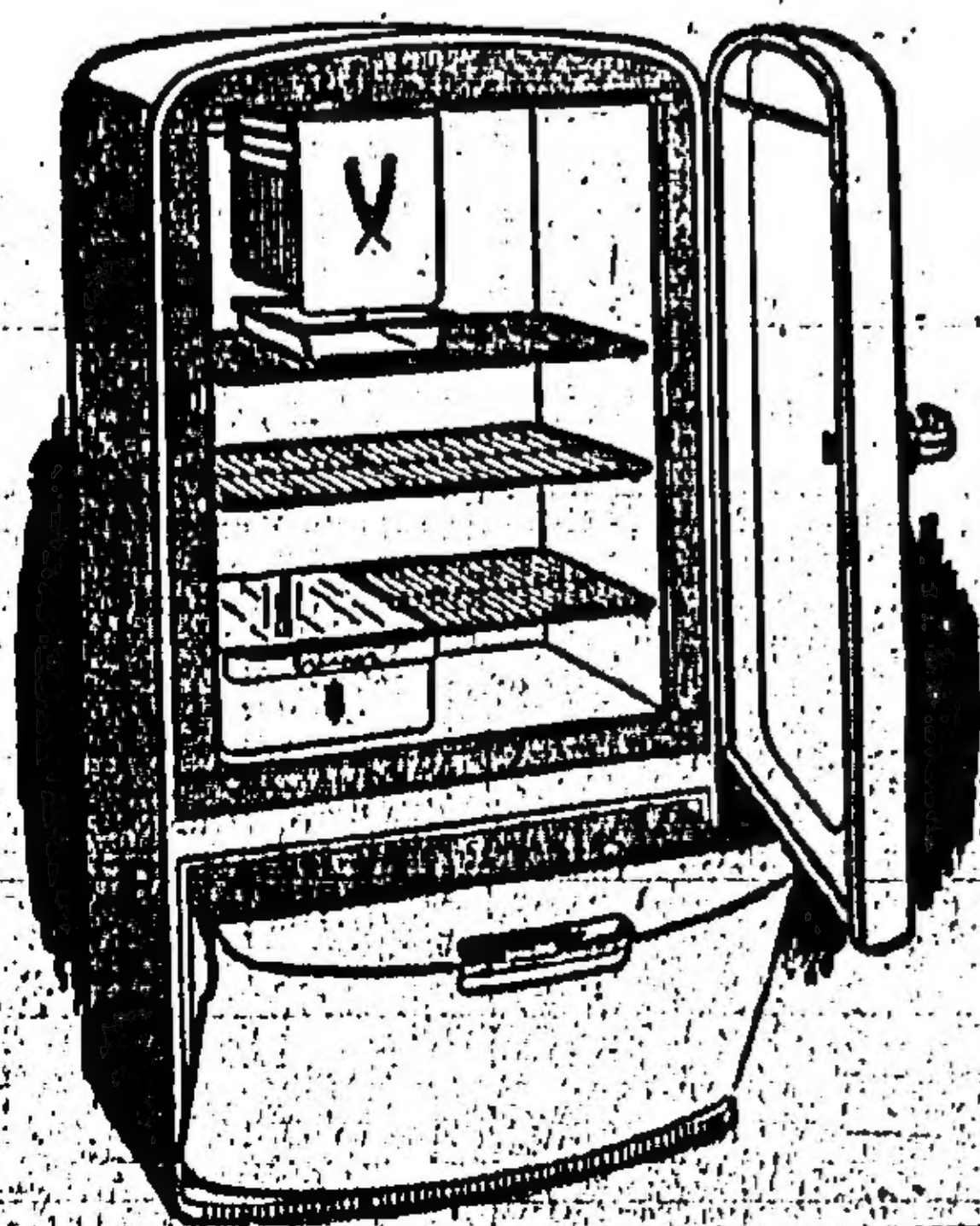
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SNAGS IN GERMANY

ZONAL MERGER SCHEME GOES ON THE ROCKS

Berlin, January 19.

The merger of the Big Three occupation zones into a Western German Trizonia has been temporarily abandoned.

In fact, almost all major Big Three negotiations on the Military Government level on Germany are bogged down in disagreements among Britain, the United States and France.

The Western powers, who fought as one to take Germany apart, now are divided on putting her back together.

Six months of negotiations since the London conference agreed that the Western zones should have common economic, trade and Military Government policies have failed to produce any decisive results.

The merger committee appointed by the three military governors has produced few agreements. What few that have been made have not been passed by the military governors.

The committee's failure is attributed to:

1. Resistance of Military Government job holders of all three powers to any curtailing or merging of powers in their fields. It is obvious that any merger will result in cuts in personnel and power.

Reluctance To Give Up Powers

2. Big power reluctance to give any powers they hold exclusively in their zones into a common pool. Any attempt to set up a combined headquarters with an integrated staff for all zones has been abandoned by the committee in the face of this resistance.

3. The resistance of France and Britain in particular to giving up their close low level controls on German industry in favour of more general policy controls. These low level controls afford quick access to information on new processes and improved systems of manufacture.

4. The fundamental difference between France on one side and Britain and the U.S. on the other is how much power shall be given the Germans. France, favouring close supervision of all phases of German life, comes into direct opposition to U.S. views.

5. The discovery by French and British negotiators in the last six months that if they refuse to agree in negotiations in Germany on the Military Government level they in-

variably are able to win further concessions in negotiations on a Government level.

This latter development—that an appeal over the head of the American military governor was resorted to in throwing up of virtually all Germany problems to governmental level. The merger of the three Western zones now appears possible only by direct negotiations between Washington, London and Paris.—Associated Press.

Antarctic Naval Agreement

London, January 18.

Britain, Argentine and Chile today exchanged agreed statements excluding naval demonstrations in the Antarctic during the Antarctic summer 1948-49.

The agreement, which was negotiated in London, bans demonstrations by warships in the Antarctic below the 60th Southern Parallel during the current Antarctic summer season. It is believed that the agreement will be extended later.

The carrying of supplies to existing bases in the Antarctic by unarmed transports will not be affected by the agreement.

Talks which were initiated in London early in November continued here with Dr. Juan Bramuglia and an agreement was reached then in principle. Details were subsequently worked out by the Argentine Ambassador, Dr. Ricardo de Laboulaye, and Sir Orme Sargent, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Informed quarters say the present British cruise in the Antarctic by British naval units will not contravene the agree-

Western Democracies' Unions To Break With World Body

Paris, January 18.

Mr. Arthur Doakin, President of the World Federation of Trade Unions, announced in Paris tonight that union representatives of the Western democracies have decided there is no other way but to bring their association with the WFTU to an end.

He was speaking at an all-day closed session of the WFTU Executive Bureau, considering a British proposal to suspend the organisation's activities for a year.

The formal breakaway of British, American and Dutch trade union movements from the Federation will not take place until tomorrow morning, but Mr. Doakin, and Mr. James B. Carey, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Congress of Industrial Organisations, separately told reporters: "Our decision has been taken."

Mr. Carey said he may or may not attend tomorrow's meeting.

Mr. Doakin, on behalf of the non-Communist trade union representatives will move a recommendation to the national centres affiliated to the WFTU to adopt the British proposal for suspension of activities.

He will recommend the appointment of trustees to administer WFTU affairs.

Rejected With Contempt

Observers believe there are four almost certain votes—the Soviet, Italian and Chinese representatives and the French Secretary-General of the EFTU M. Louis Saliant—to defeat the three of the British, American and Dutch representatives.

Mr. Doakin described M. Saliant's counter-proposal that the Executive Bureau defer consideration pending meetings of the Executive Committee and Executive Council and finally the General Council as "a refusal to face the issue, a device to sidetrack the decision on our main proposal."

Mr. Doakin said: "It has been said we prefer capitalism to socialism. We reject such suggestions with the contempt they are worth."

To Carry On

M. Saliant said tonight that the proposals are a clear violation of the democratic and

constitutional rules of the WFTU.

The Dutch, British and American representatives showed an obvious determination to break away from the WFTU, said M. Saliant, who said he had little hope of the quarrel being mended.

He added: "The WFTU will carry on anyway." He said he had presented the Executive Bureau with a joint resolution calling on the Executive Committee and the General Council to convene within three months to consider the two proposals.—Reuter.

GERMAN STEEL PRODUCTION

Washington, January 18.

The State Department declared today that the United States Government has no intention of allowing German steel production to be increased above the 10,700,000 ton annual limit set in the current industrial agreement.

A spokesman made this firm assertion after British and French charges that this limit will be exceeded if the recommendations on the retention of German plants, scheduled for dismantling, made by Mr. Paul Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, were carried out.

"Charges that the ECA report entails an increase in the present level of the steel industry in Germany are incorrect. They are apparently based on the belief that all plants will be working at 100 per cent of capacity. Experience has shown that this is seldom achieved," the spokesman added.—Reuter.

Children Slaves In Japan

Tokyo, January 19.

Investigation has revealed that 2,500 Japanese children have been sold into child slavery by one broker in North Eastern Japan.

The investigation was touched off by a mother's complaint that the employer of her 16-year-old daughter in the area also maintain her ration card when the child ran off and returned home.

The Yamagata Prefecture Labour Standards Office discovered the girl was sold for 2,500 Yen to Manjiro Ito, 65, who posed as an insurance broker. Ito subsequently confessed that he had sold his own daughter among 2,500 children sent to various so-called "farming" villages in North East Japan.

Ito did not specify how long he had been carrying on his brokerage business.

While the children in some instances were used in farm work, most of the so-called "farming" villages in the area also maintain small industries which use cheap labour in industrial production of handicraft objects as well as parts for mass production industries.—Associated Press.

Austerity Campaign In Burma

Rangoon, January 19.

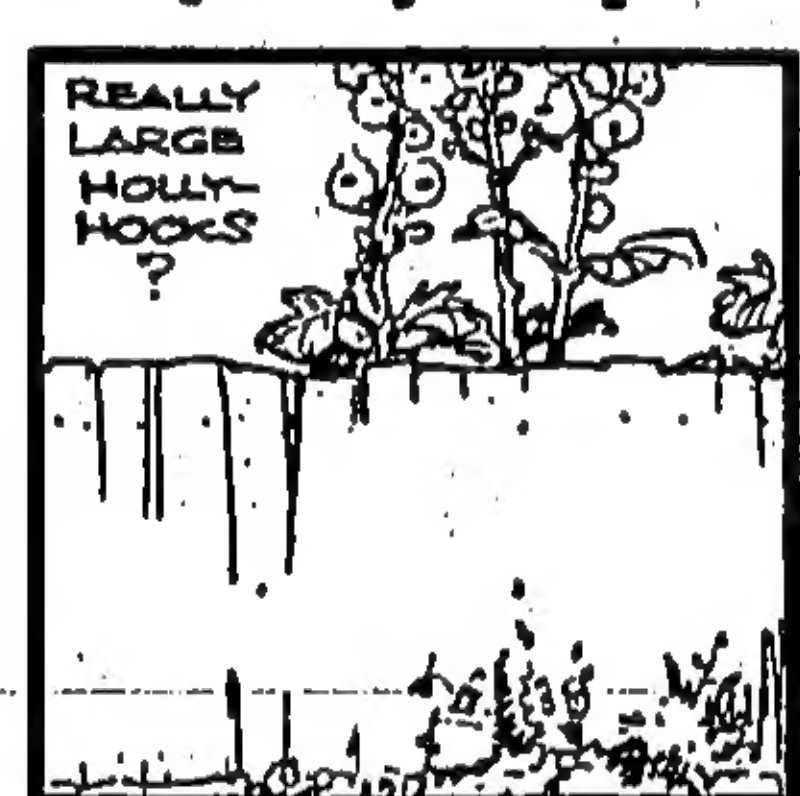
An economy drive to bolster Burma's finances, including a campaign against rising food prices and efforts to export the maximum of rice, was announced in Rangoon today.

The Information Minister, Tun Pe, instructed by the Government to tell the Burmese how near they have come to a monetary catastrophe, said that Burma's condition is not hopeless and that the Government still has time to restore its economic stability. If Burma is able to ride over the next three months, its rice exports will see it through.

He deplored the rebel activity which hinders the bringing of teak wood from the forests for overseas export.

The new austerity campaign, he added, will include a reduction of allowances to civil servants and drastic cuts in minister's salaries.—Associated Press.

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| "TASMAN" | from Amoy 21st Jan. | to Javaports & Macassar, 22nd Jan. |
| "TIBADAK" | In port | to Javaports & Macassar 3rd February |
| "TITJALENGKA" | from Macassar 23rd Jan. | to Javaports & Macassar 3rd March |
| "TISADANE" | from Macassar 4th Feb. | to Javaports & Macassar 17th Feb. |

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

| Ship | Arrivals | Departures |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|
| "TEGELBERG" | from Shanghai 20th Jan. | to South Africa & South America 25th Jan. |

Transshipment cargo on through Bs/L to Dar-Es-Salaam, Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

| Ship | Arrivals | Departures |
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| "TASMAN" | from Amoy 21st Jan. | to Singapore 22nd Jan. |
| "VAN RIEMSDIJK" | from B. Dell & Straits 27th Jan. | to Straits & B. Dell 4th Feb. |
| "VAN HEUTSZ" | In port | to Straits & B. Dell 20th Feb. |

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

| Ship | Arrivals | Departures |
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| "MEERKREK" | from Japan, Shanghai 29th Jan. | to Europe via Manila & Straits, 30th Jan. |
| "RIJNKERK" | from Europe 6th Feb. | to Japan via Manila & Straits, 7th Feb. |
| "MELISKERK" | from Europe Early March. | to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid. March |
| "MARIEKERK" | from Europe Early April. | to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid. April. |

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